

Who is the Real Hamas?

Hamas is a US designated terror organization that has occupied the Gaza Strip under a theocratic dictatorship since 2007. Hamas brainwashes children, runs a restrictive Islamic theocracy, treats women as second-class citizens, and forbids any public disapproval of government amid many other horrors.

Hamas trains children to be child soldiers and thereby violates International Law under the Geneva Convention (Article 77(2), Protocols 1 and 2).ⁱ

- Hamas lies to children and writes texts that falsify history. From a young age, children learn that all of Israel is Palestinian land, and that they must work to “liberate” the land from any Jewish presence.ⁱⁱ
- Hamas requires all **male children to attend a military training camp** in an effort to create child terrorists to annihilate the Jewish State of Israel. It is working on an equivalent program for female children.ⁱⁱⁱ
- Hamas **stores weapons in UN schools**, effectively using it’s own children as human shields against violent attacks.^{iv}

Hamas does not allow freedom of religion in Gaza. Civilians who are not Muslim are tortured and executed daily. The following are a few quotes representing the Hamas view on other religions:

- “Hamas digs up the bodies of Christians from Christian burial sites in the Gaza Strip claiming that they pollute the earth,” - Reverend Majed El Shafie, President of One Free World International (December 2009) ^v
- “The Jews are the most despicable and contemptible nation to crawl upon the face of the Earth, because they have displayed hostility to Allah” - Atallah Abu Al-Subh, former Hamas minister of culture (April 2011)^{vi}
- “Allah, strike the Jews and their sympathizers, the Christians and their supporters.” - Official Hamas television (December 2010)^{vii}

Hamas discriminates against women and ignores women’s rights. The terrorist organization beats women for not dressing “conservatively,” and forbids them from many activities simply because of their sex.

- Hamas presents a façade to the international community. It has no official law that women must wear headscarves; however, in accordance with radical Islamic law, if a woman does not wear the headscarf or dress “conservatively,” she is brutally beaten or faces other harsh consequences.^{viii}

- Hamas employs a “morality police force.” One of the main purposes of this force is to beat women who commit crimes such as riding motorcycles or wearing t-shirts and jeans.^{ix}
- Hamas forces couples walking together to prove their marriage; women cannot walk alone with a man they are not married to.^x
- The Hamas covenant is an official governmental document that communicates the attitude of the leaders. The following are 2 excerpts regarding the governmental position on women’s rights and duties:^{xi}
 - “The Muslim woman has a role no less important than that of the Muslim man in the battle of liberation. She is the maker of men.” - Article 17
 - “a woman in the home of the fighting family, whether she is a mother or a sister, plays the most important role in looking after the family... she has to teach them to perform the religious duties in preparation for the fighting role awaiting them.” - Article 18

Hamas continues to abuse its citizens each and every day. Anyone who makes these abuses known or speaks out publicly against Hamas in any way is further abused and tortured.

- Hamas police smashed computers, beat, and threatened to throw journalists out of the window of a Reuters office in Gaza for reporting on political divisions in March 2011.^{xii}
- The US State Department confirmed that Hamas is restricting the right to freedom of the press in Gaza.^{xiii}
- Criticizing the government can result in arrest, interrogation, and torture by Hamas officials.^{xiv}

ⁱ “Practice Relating to Rule 136. Recruitment of Child Soldiers,” *International Committee of the Red Cross*.

ⁱⁱ “To Shape Young Palestinians, Hamas Creates Its Own Textbooks,” *The New York Times*, November 3, 2013.

ⁱⁱⁱ “Hamas Forces Schoolchildren Into Terrorist Weapons Training,” *Israel Defense Forces*, April 29, 2013.

^{iv} “UN report outlines how Hamas used kids as human shields,” *New York Post*, May 2, 2015,

^v “Human rights group: Hamas disinters Christians in Gaza,” *The Jerusalem Post*, December 12, 2009.

^{vi} “Hamas in Their Own Words,” *Anti-Defamation League*, May 2, 2011.

^{vii} “PMW Bulletins: Hamas: Allah, kill Christians and Jews "to the last one",” *Palestinian Media Watch*, December 8, 2010.

^{viii} “International Women’s Day in Gaza: Nothing to Celebrate,” *Israel Defense Forces*, March 8, 2013.

^{ix} “Israel: A Guide for Activists,” *Anti-Defamation League*.

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^{xi} “International Women’s Day in Gaza: Nothing to Celebrate,” *Israel Defense Forces*, March 8, 2013.

^{xii} “West Bank/Gaza: Stop Harassing Journalists,” *Human Rights Watch*, April 6, 2011.

^{xiii} “Israel: A Guide for Activists,” *Anti-Defamation League*.

^{xiv} “Freedom of Expression? Not for Palestinians,” *Gatestone Institute*, February 13, 2013.