

10 FACTS ABOUT HAMAS

- 1** Hamas is a radical Islamist group and is designated a Palestinian terrorist organization by the U.S., the EU, Canada, Japan, and Israel and banned in Jordan, the UK, and Australia.
- 2** Hamas is supported by the world's major state sponsors of terrorism and worst human rights abusers.
- 3** Hamas is not trying to end a nonexistent Israeli "occupation." It took credit for ending Israel's presence in Gaza when Israel evacuated all settlements, people, and soldiers in 2005 to promote peace.
- 4** Hamas' mission is the murder of Jews, the "obliteration" of Israel, and its replacement with a Taliban-like theocracy.
- 5** Hamas rejects all compromises and negotiations with Israel. Its goal is genocidal—Israel's destruction, not territorial accommodation or peaceful coexistence.
- 6** Hamas systematically commits double war crimes with impunity, targeting Israeli citizens and forcing its own citizens to be directly in the line of fire.
- 7** Hamas is responsible for the civilian casualties in Gaza and cynically exploits these deaths for propaganda purposes.
- 8** Hamas' dictatorial government oppresses Gaza's residents, denying them civil, human, and political rights.
- 9** Hamas has impoverished Gaza, diverting resources for civilians to its war machine.
- 10** If Hamas renounced terrorism, honored past PLO-Israel agreements, and accepted a two-state solution, there would be no violence, and Israel and the international community would help turn Gaza into a thriving, beautiful Mediterranean region. Hamas has instead chosen a path that is destructive for Israelis, Palestinians, and hopes for a better future.

For more information and documentation, read the Hamas Charter at www.hamascharter.com and the Hamas fact sheet at www.standwithus.com/factsheets.

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