

# Hamas' War Crimes

**Since 2005, Hamas and its affiliates in Gaza have launched thousands of rockets and mortars into southern Israel.**

Their goal is to kill and terrorize defenseless Israeli men, women, and children as they go about their daily lives. Hamas assiduously tries to upgrade its weapons to raise the number of casualties caused by each attack. Hamas' larger goal, stated in its founding document, is to murder Jews, "obliterate Israel" and replace it with a medieval Caliphate. Hamas incites hatred and violence, liberally quoting from the anti-Semitic forgery, *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. Hamas terrorizes other Palestinians, forcing them to obey its radical interpretation of Islam, using them as human shields and embedding their terrorist infrastructure in Gaza's civilian neighborhoods. Hamas has tortured local Christians and murdered its political rivals in Fatah along with their children. It denies Gazans due process, the rule of law, and personal freedom. It uses international aid for weapons, not for humanitarian and civic projects. It targets Israeli civilians yet cries human rights abuse when Israel responds and injures the human shields that Hamas intentionally puts in harm's way.

This pattern of conduct constitutes war crimes, collective punishment, and grave violations of international law and of civilized behavior. We call upon the world community to condemn and denounce Hamas and its supporters for the pathological behavior that has made them pariahs.

Those who excuse or justify Hamas are themselves abusing all civilized standards of conduct.



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