

## 12. Arabs on Hamas

“Do not be angry with Gazans. We are held hostage by Hamas and Iran. We want our land of Palestine shared with Jews in peace”.

*Gaza News Agency Twitter Account, 4/5/2019*

“Our children are our national project for the future. Playing with their lives is treason and a crime. Escorting Palestinian children to the site of confrontation or transporting them to these dangerous sites must be viewed as indirect assistance to the crime against humanity by those responsible for organising the demonstrations, activities and confrontations with the occupation forces [Israel] ... Martyrdom, death (shahada) for nothing is not heroism” .

*Al-Hayat al-Jadida, official PA daily, 10/2/2019*

“Many of the Palestinians brutally beaten by Hamas were children. In the view of many Palestinians, what Hamas is doing in the Gaza strip is tantamount to war crimes and crimes against humanity”.

*Bassam Tawil, (Gatestone Institute, 18/3/2019)*

“The demonstrators who were shot [by Israel] were mostly Hamas and Islamic Jihad members, as both organisations have openly admitted. In other words, Israel is being accused of war crimes for defending its borders against terrorists attempting to infiltrate it in order to murder or kidnap Israelis”.

*Former Kuwaiti Minister (<https://mosaicmagazine.com> 20/3/2019)*

“I blame Hamas for the bad economy here. If we had Fatah, they could make peace with Israel”.

*Abdulaziz, Gazan citizen, interview with Graham Jamison, 27/9/2016*

“Many in the West often fail to understand Hamas's true position because they do not follow what Hamas says in Arabic -- to its own people. In Arabic, Hamas makes no secret of its call for the destruction of Israel”.

*Khaeled Abu Toameh, Gatestone Institute, 22/6/2015)*

“Such deep internal divisions are in part the reason that Israel repeats that it has no Palestinian partner to deal with, making a return to peace negotiations near impossible.... We know that Hamas has never been in favour of a Palestinian state”.

*Amin Maqboul, senior Fateh official, Reuters, 6/5/2015*

“The internal differences and the absence of cooperation between the Palestinian Authority and Hamas are behind the delay in reconstructing the Gaza Strip”.

***Nabil Elaraby, Arab league Secretary General, Al-Hayat (Jerusalem Post  
22/2/2015)***

“Do you know that more than 90% of our people in the Gaza Strip want to emigrate, if given the chance, so that they could escape from your [ Hamas ] regime? Do you feel any responsibility towards the Palestinians and their cause?”

***Osama Qassmeh, addressing Hamas leader Islaim Haniyeh (Khaled Abu  
Toameh, Jerusalem Post, 26/2/2015)***

“Fatah Central Committee accused Hamas on Saturday of targeting Fatah members during the Gaza war, and of stealing humanitarian aid. It said that

Hamas shot and beat dozens of Fatah members, confiscated food and medicine sent to Gaza from the West Bank, distributed the aid among their own men in mosques, and sold some of it on the black market”.

*(Khaled Abu Toameh, Jerusalem Post, 1/9/2014)*

“It would be a good idea if the international community and media stopped turning a blind eye to the suffering of Palestinians at the hands of Hamas and the Palestinian Authority [PA].

Abbas wants the world to support the creation of a dictatorship where people are arrested and intimidated for expressing their views in public. He is also asking the world to support a Palestinian state where Hamas is torturing Palestinians”.

***Khaled Abu Toameh, Palestinian journalist, Gatestone Institute, 9/1/2015***

“If we had true peace and normal relations with them [Israel] there would be no wars with such ferocity [Lebanon, Gaza]....We opposed normalisation from day one....The educated intellectuals. I want it [them] to act in keeping with the interests of the people...by normalising relations with Israel. Israel is not the enemy. (Q: So who is the enemy?) Hamas, for example, and ISIS”.

***Ali Salem, Egyptian Playwright, Al-Arabiya TV (Dubai/Saudi Arabia), 17/12/2014***

"As for what is happening in Gaza – Hamas is an organ of the Muslim Brotherhood. Hamas acts against its own people. It terrorizes its own people. They fire missiles, hoping to benefit from this, but the victims are the Palestinian people, not the leaders”.

***Medhat Klada, European Coptic Leader, Lebanese Al-Mayadeen TV, 24/12/2014***

"You smuggle weapons, explosives and cash to the West Bank, not for the fight with Israel, but for a coup against the Palestinian Authority.... We have a national unity government and you are thinking about a coup against me”.

***Mahmoud Abbas, PA President, to Khaled Mashaal, Hamas leader (gatestoneinstitute 20/10/2014)***

“Why did people watch Hamas from the sidelines, as it exploited Palestinian blood and risked the future of the Palestinian cause? Who bears the burden of two wars in Gaza and the blood and destruction inflicted upon thousands of innocent Arabs? Who is responsible for the missed opportunities and the obstinate slogans ‘Gaza will win’, despite Hamas’s lack of belief in peace ‘back in the day’? What about PLO men who were thrown off rooftops in Gaza during Hamas’s coup d’etat, who have died only to have Hamas beg the Palestinian Authority to return and control Gaza today?”

***Sheikh Tamin Bin Hamad, Emir of Qatar, CNN interview (Sharq-al-Awsat, London, 28/9/2014) [Qatari citizens are funding ISIS]***

"Some Arabs were hoping that Israel would rid them of Hamas."

***Ashraf Salameh, Gaza City. Khaled Abu Toameh, Gatestone Institute, 21/7/2014***

"They received 700 million dollars, which went into the Gaza Strip, but they did not give a single cent to the people of Gaza. The Hamas leaders took it all."

***Fatah spokesman Ahmad Assaf, Palestinian Authority's Al-Awda TV channel, 16/9/2014***

"Hamas is responsible for the slaughter in the Gaza Strip .....the organization's "haughtiness" in firing rockets at Israel which contribute nothing to the Palestinian interest."

***Turki al Faisal, the former head of Saudi Arabia's intelligence services, Asharq Al-Awsat (algemeiner 28/7/2014)***

"Hamas conducted atrocities during the war in Gaza, also at its end when it executed 120 people without trial because they breached the curfew placed on them."

"Hamas says the number of dead from their ranks didn't go past 50, when in actuality over 850 Hamas members and their family members were killed." .[Does not include deaths of members of other groups].

"I don't trust Hamas much because they change their words all the time. There must be a unified Palestinian Authority."

***Mahmoud Abbas, speaking to Arab journalists in Cairo, 6/9/2014***

"There is no difference between the beheadings carried out by Isis and the [Hamas-run] kangaroo courts executing people in Gaza".

***Tawfik Tirawi, Fatah leader, 4/9/2014, ([www.cidi.tv/nieuws/hamas-is-isis-says-fatah\\_11097128](http://www.cidi.tv/nieuws/hamas-is-isis-says-fatah_11097128))***

"Random executions of those who Hamas called collaborators....The executions were done in cold blood and according to Hamas law, which is: who is not with Hamas is against it".

***Secretary-General of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' officeal-Tayyib Abd al-Rahim, [www.maannnews.net/eng/ViewDetails.aspx?ID=722656](http://www.maannnews.net/eng/ViewDetails.aspx?ID=722656) 25/08/2014***

"The whole world knows that Hamas does not care about the spirit of humanity. They do not care about the children, about their people, about the losses, about the destruction of their country, or about the number of casualties...."We are talking about a group like ISIS. What kind of honor is it if it is at the expense of children's corpses? You don't know the meaning of life. All

you know is the meaning of death. You constitute an enterprise of destruction in the region. You are wreaking destruction in Palestine. You don't know the meaning of life”

***Magdi Khalil, Egyptian-American writer, Al-Jazeera TV (Qatar) 19/8/2014***

“The missiles that are now being launched against Israel, each and every missile constitutes a crime against humanity, whether it hits or misses, because it is directed at civilian targets”.

“Many of our people in Gaza appeared on TV and said that the Israelis warned them to evacuate their homes before the bombardment. In such a case, if someone is killed, the law considers it a mistake rather than an intentional killing because [the Israelis] followed the legal procedures.”

“As for the missiles launched from our side, we never warn anyone about where these missiles are about to fall or about the operations we carry out”.

***Palestinian representative to the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva ,  
Ambassador Ibrahim Kraishi, on Palestinian Authority TV, 9/7/2014***

“When Palestinians stop chanting for the death of Jews and Israel, and start working to secure their own state, they will achieve it”.

***Tarek Fatah, founder of the Muslim Canadian Congress, Toronto Sun,  
22/7/2014***

“ Hamas has harmed the Palestinian cause and has proved itself to be an imbecile and failed movement”.

***Dr Nagla Al-Sayyid, in Egyptian Al-Gumhourriya newspaper, 12/7/2014***

“It is indeed tragic when a dictator or criminal gang takes over a people and makes it a hostage and a tool for antagonism towards the (entire) world. Hitler in Herman and Saddam Hussain in Iraq did this, Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in Gaza are doing it”.

***Kamal Gabriel, Elaph.com, 14/7/2014***

"[The story of Hamas] is the story of Hassan Nasrallah and his resistance to Israel, which ended in the destruction of half of Lebanon [in 2006].... When has Hamas ever stopped trading in the blood of its people?!"

***Salman Al-Dosari , editor of London-based Saudi Al-Sharq Al-Awsat,  
London, 13/7/2014***

"Adding fuel to the fire of the Gaza victims is the repeated media hypocrisy and the disgusting tear-jerking speeches that we don't stop hearing every time Hamas decides to sacrifice some of the people of Gaza. Only rarely do they speak the truth. The Arab street doesn't want to hear anything aside from curses against Israel, and that is easy, because we've been cursing it for over 60 years. But what is disheartening is that the blood of the Gazans has become a bargaining chip in the hands of [Binyamin] Netanyahu and Khaled Mash'al".

*Dr. Amal 'Abd Al-'Aziz Al-Hazzani, columnist, London-based Saudi daily Al-Sharq Al-Awsat 13/7/2014*

" Hamas is part of the political Islam that begat ISIS's caliphate state".

*Ali Al-Siwan, a columnist for the official Syrian daily Teshreen, 29/6/2014*

"Our people in Gaza must come to the realisation that such idiotic decision-making pertaining to religion and politics, forces the Gaza strip and its people as well as the entire Arab nation in its entirety to pay a very heavy price in fragmentation, in humiliation, in martyrs and, unfortunately, in blood shed in vain....We pray for Allah to bestow upon the Hamas leaders a bit of common sense".

*Egyptian Talk show host Khaled Saleh, Al-Nahar TV, 9/7/2014*

"Why do you in the Al-Qassam brigade hide among civilians? Why do you use peoples' homes?"

*Talk show host Ahmad Musa, Sada Al-Balad TV, July 12, 2014*

Hamas leaders "are all on the take. They fly luxurious planes, and keep Swiss bank accounts!"

*Mohammed Mustafa Sherdy, Egyptian Al-Milwar TV, 11/7/2014*

"We are afflicted with a bunch of people who pretend to be Muslims, but do not understand anything, or else, they think people are stupid. They goad people into fighting, terrorism, and violence, under the pretext of "Jihad," while they themselves sit at a hotel, a swimming pool, or a nudist beach, eating a variety of dishes, marrying four wives, and driving the latest model luxury cars. What is this?! What kind of men are you?"

*Talk show host Mazhar Shahin, Egyptian Al-Tahrir TV, 12/7/2014*

"So, why Hamas was successful in spreading a sophisticated network of tunnels and fail to build simple bomb shelters if they knew there would be armed conflicts? Is Hamas willing to sacrifice Palestinians to get more Arab and

foreign financial aid and what is more, does Hamas receive orders from abroad or they simply have no control over various factions within Hamas?"

***Abdulateef al-Mulhim, Arab News (Saudi Arabia), Arab-News 16/7/2014,  
(ICEJ News [media@icejnews.org](mailto:media@icejnews.org) 17/7/2014)***

"It is up to the Palestinians to get rid of their illusions and sincerely try to contemplate the benefits brought for them by Egypt's Initiative [cease-fire proposal], instead of waiting for instructions from Khaled Al-Mish'al who is residing in Qatar where he enjoys all kinds of good meals and engages in all types of sports activities in a bit to reduce his weight and his potbelly, while scores of children are being killed in Gaza".

***Ahmed Al-Jarallah, Editor-in-chief, the Kuwait Arab Times, 17/7/2014, , (ICEJ  
News [media@icejnews.org](mailto:media@icejnews.org) 17/7/2014)***