

## Hamas - On Peace

“We support ISIS and terror attacks in France”.

[https://www.reddit.com/r/.../gaza\\_palestinians](https://www.reddit.com/r/.../gaza_palestinians), 17/11/2015

“Oh people of the West Bank, kill them....Poison your daggers and then stab or slaughter them....We will turn you into scattered body parts”.

*Friday sermon, Gaza mosque, [www.algemeiner.com](http://www.algemeiner.com), 26/10/2015*

"Anyone who thinks that we will recognize the existence of the [Zionist] entity or the 1967 borders is deluded...Palestine stretches from the Egyptian border in the south to Lebanon in the north and from Jordan in the east to the Mediterranean sea in the west, and we will never recognize anything less than this”.

*Mahmoud Al-Zahhar, Hamas political bureau member,  
at rally in Khan Younes, 12/12/2014*

“We maintain, and believe, that our battle against the occupier is fundamentally religious, not geographic, historic, or economic....Allah the Exalted mentioned [in the Koran] our [current] conflict with the occupier, when he told His servants that they would enter Al-Aqsa Mosque as they had entered it the first time, and told us [also] that everything that "Israel" had built in order to establish its fragile entity would be destroyed. ... Therefore, we must stop arguing that our battle against the enemy is political, waged in the arena of the UN, the Security Council, or negotiations. All this nonsense contradicts the Koran and the Hadith”.

*Dr. Issam Shawar, Palestinian columnist on Hamas website, November 2014*

“Let me say, loud and clear, to our people in the West Bank: Don't you have cars? Don't you have motorcycles? Don't you have knives? Don't you have clubs? Don't you have bulldozers? Don't you have trucks? Anyone who has a knife, a club, a weapon, or a car, yet does not use it to run over a Jew or a settler, and does not use it to kill dozens of Zionists, does not belong to Palestine.”

*Fawzi Barhoum, Hamas spokesman, on his facebook page 11/8/2014  
(memri 20/11/2014)*

If Hamas were to transfer "what it has [in Gaza] or just a small part of it to the West Bank" it would destroy Israel "with a speed that no one can imagine...We will build an Islamic state in Palestine, all of Palestine”.

*Al-Zahar, Hamas leader (PMW 5/10/2014)*

“As of today, the resistance is preparing not for the opening of a border crossing here or there, but rather for the liberation of our Palestinian land”.

*Sami Abu Zuhri, Al-Aqsa TV (Gaza) 17/8/2014, (memri 23/8/2014)*

“We are not talking about a long-term tahdiah [ceasefire] or about a peace agreement....The word tahdiah means preparation for battles to come.... Our resistance will continue to develop, manufacture, and expand its arsenal of weapons...until the Zionist enemy leaves our land in its entirety”.

*Mushir Al-Masri, Hamas spokesman, Mayadeen TV (Lebanon), 16/7/2014*

The foreign press was focused “on filing the places where missiles were launched. Thus they collaborated with the occupation....These journalists were deported from the Gaza strip.

“The security agencies would go and have a chat with these people. They would give them some time to change their message, one way or another....We managed to reach them and to tell them that what they were doing was anything but professional journalism, and that is was immoral”.

*Isra Al-Mudallel, Head of Foreign Relations in Hamas’s foreign ministry, in interview with Lebanon’s Al-Mayadeen TV 14/9/2014 (memri 15/8/2014)*

Warnings “are designed to weaken our resolve and to sow panic and fear among us, in light of the failures of our enemies. We call on Gaza residents not to pay attention to these messages and not to leave their homes.”

*Hamas-run Gaza Interior Ministry in a message to residents, on Israeli army’s warnings of imminent bombings of their homes, <http://www.israpundit.com/archives/63598048> 10/7/2014*

"You know what Mahmoud Abbas says behind closed doors? He says: 'Guys, let me [continue] saying what I say to the media. Those words are meant for the Americans and the occupation (i.e., Israel), not for you [Hamas]. What's important is what we agree on among ourselves. In other words, when I go out [publicly] and say that the government is my [Abbas] government and it recognizes 'Israel' and so on, fine - these words are meant to trick the Americans. But we agree that the government has nothing to do with politics [i.e., foreign relations]. The same thing happened in 2006,' he [Abbas] said:

'Don't harp on everything I tell the media, forget about the statements in the media.'

*Ihab al-Ghusein's Facebook page, 8/6/2014  
(Was Hamas government spokesman until the advent of the new unity government with Fatah)*

**"Those who liberated Gaza, with the help of Allah, can liberate Jerusalem, the West Bank and the rest of Palestine (i.e., Israel)".**

**Hamas' leader Ismail Haniyeh on eve of the Fatah-Hamas unity government, Al-Aqsa TV (Hamas), 29/5/2014  
([http://palwatch.org/main.aspx?fi=157&doc\\_id=11600](http://palwatch.org/main.aspx?fi=157&doc_id=11600))**

"There is no Israel; only Palestine".

*Hamas' Al-Aqsa TV, May 23/5/2014*

"The reconciliation will actually consolidate the resistance ... from one intifada to another until the liberation of Palestine."

*Khaled Mashaal, leader of the Hamas political bureau.  
(Khaled Abu Toameh, 23/5/2014, Gatestone Institute 23/5/2014)*

"Who is this crazy guy who would be able to go to the resistance groups and ask them to hand over their weapons?"

*Mahmoud Zahhar, senior representative of Hamas  
(Khaled Abu Toameh, 23/5/2014, Gatestone Institute 23/5/2014)*

"Quartet negotiations require that violence be renounced, which, in effect, means that the al-Qassam weapons must be decommissioned. But this is unacceptable, and Hamas will reject it outright....Hamas will not recognize Israel. This is a red line that cannot be crossed. The future government is not interested in providing Israel with recognition, and the conditions set by the Quartet committee do not concern us one bit".

*Abu Marzouk, Hamas deputy leader, interview with Al-Monitor, 5/5/2014  
(Al-Monitor newsletter@al-monitor.com via mail176.atl21.rsgsv.net)*

"We will not recognize the Zionist entity....Hamas rejects the Quartet's conditions" [renunciation of violence and acceptance of all prior agreements with Israel].

*"Moussa Abu Marzouq, Hamas deputy leader, Press conference in Gaza City, 3/5/2014, after signing reconciliation deal with Palestinian leadership (forums.liveleak.com)*

“The reconciliation deal will not change Hamas at all, and will not bring the organisation to recognise Israel’s right to exist”.

***Mahmoud Al-Zahar, interview with Egyptian newspaper Alyoum Sabaa, 29/4/2014 (timesofisrael.com)***

“Any deal inked between the Palestinian Authority and Israel would be non-binding for the Palestinian people”.

***Mahmoud Zahar, Hamas Foreign Minister, at special session of Palestinian Legislative Council 1/1/2014 (Alalam 9/1/2014)***

"The Palestinian negotiators are illegitimate, neither they represent the national consensus nor they have the majority that allows them to speak on behalf of the Palestinian people,"

***Mahmoud Zahar, Hamas Foreign Minister, at special session of Palestinian Legislative Council 1/1/2014 (Alalam 9/1/2014)***

“Hamas will never accept the negotiation track and its result”.

***Mahmoud Al-Zahar, Hamas official, Gaza, in daily Al-Al-Resalah, 10/8/2013***

“The Hamas movement continues to adhere to its programme and to the non-recognition of Israel and to the non-relinquishing of even a single grain of Palestinian soil”.

***Al-Rashq, Hamas senior official, Palestinian TV (Fatah), 21/12/2011 (palwatch)***

“Palestine – all of Palestine – is from the sea to the river. We won’t relinquish one inch of the land of Palestine. The involvement of Hamas at any stage with the interim objective of liberation of [only] Gaza, the West Bank, or Jerusalem, does not replace its strategic view concerning Palestine and the land of Palestine”.

***Ismail Haniyeh, Hamas Prime Minister, 14/12/2011***

“We say to Israel...it is we who will annihilate your existence”.

***Al-Zahar, senior Hamas member, Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, 7/12/2011***

“We do not recognise Israel and it is very simple. We do not recognise Israel as controlling even one centimetre of the land of Palestine, because it is an artificial state”.

***Mahmoud Al-Zahar, former Hamas Foreign Minister, Qudsnews website,***

*30/7/2011 (haaretz)*

“Palestine in its entirety is Islamic waqf land, which cannot be relinquished”.

*Mahmoud Al-Zahar, Hamas foreign minister, in TV interview, 29/7/2011  
(memri)*

“The conflict will never come to an end until Israel comes to an end”.

*Usama Hamdan, Hamas international relations, Al-Aqsa TV, 24/7/2011,  
(beyondimages)*

“We will negotiate with Israel only over its departure from Palestine, and recognise it only once it is recognised elsewhere”.

*Mustafa Al-Sawaf, Hamas columnist, in Hamas-affiliated daily, Falastin,  
4/6/2011*

“We want Palestine in its entirety – so there will not be any misunderstandings. If our generation is unable to achieve this, the next one will, and we are raising our children on this. Palestine means Palestine in its entirety, and Israel cannot exist in our midst”.

*Mahmoud Al-Zahar, Hamas leader, Future News TV, 15/6/2010 (memri)*

“Hamas will never agree to sit in a government that recognises Israel”.

*Ayman Taha, Hamas spokesman in Gaza, Cairo, 28/2/2009 (ynetnews)*

“They built a separation fence in the West Bank. We do not deny that limits the ability of the resistance [i.e. terror squads] to arrive deep within [Israeli territory] to carry out suicide bombing attacks”.

*Ramadan Abdallah Shalah, interviewed in Damascus by Al-Sharq, 23/3/2008*