# INDOCTRINATION & MILITARIZATION OF GAZA'S CHILDREN

Hamas is stealing the childhood of Gaza's children. From classrooms to "summer camps," children are flooded with propaganda that glorifies hatred, martyrdom, and violence. Children in Gaza are ideologically conditioned, trained, and used in combat roles as fighters, mules, scouts, and shields. This indoctrination leaves lasting psychological scars and perpetuates an endless cycle of suffering and war. These practices violate international law, including the Geneva Conventions, the Rome Statute, and the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

2007

#### Hamas Takes Power in Gaza

And begins to indoctrinate generations of children with the genocidal ideology of its Covenant, using schools to glorify hatred and violence.

#### 2008

### Launch of al-Fateh Children's Magazine

Weekly online magazine promotes martyrdom and glorifies suicide bombers to young readers.

#### 2012

#### **Hamas Summer Camps**

Massive Hamas-run paramilitary camps train children in weapons use and jihadist ideology.

#### 2023

#### **War-Time Intensification**

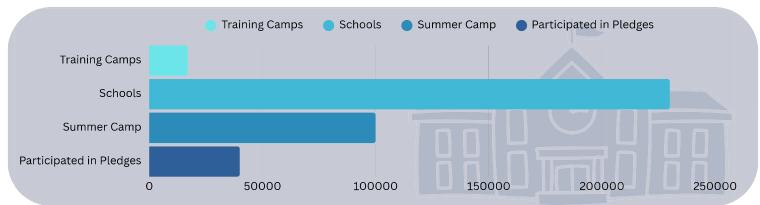
Post October 7 attacks, Hamas escalates childtargeted propaganda, glorifying jihad and martyrdom in response to the ongoing war.

#### 2024

#### **Leaked Documents**

Documents reveal Hamas directives to summer camps to promote jihadist values and resistance through training.

#### NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN HAMAS PROGRAMMING



Children's Army of Hamas, Israeli documentary, (April 2, 2015); available at: http://www.jpost.com/Arab-Israeli-Conflict/New-Israeli-documentary-shows-Hamas-training-child-soldiers-395928; The Jerusalem Institute of Justice v. Ismail Abdel Salam Ahmed Haniyeh, Communication to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (Sept. 13, 2018); available at: https://jij.org/advocacy-materials/militarization-of-children/

"(YOU ARE) THE GENERATION OF ROCKS, THE GENERATION OF ROCKETS, THE GENERATION OF TUNNELS, THE GENERATION OF THE SUICIDE BOMBINGS."

ISMAIL HANIYEH,
HAMAS SUMMER CAMP GRADUATION
CEREMONY 2014

Labour Friends of Israel, Statement on Incitement: For DFID Assessment of PA Compliance with Partnership Principles (2017), <a href="https://www.lfi.org.uk/wp-">https://www.lfi.org.uk/wp-</a>

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"I ALREADY GAVE THREE SONS, I HAVE ANOTHER SEVEN [CHILDREN] TO GIVE."

UMM NIDAL - "MOTHER OF MARTYRS", A FORMER HAMAS MP WHO PUBLICLY CELEBRATED THE DEATHS OF HER THREE SONS IN SUICIDE ATTACKS AGAINST ISRAELIS.

Jonathan Myers, How Hamas Promotes Sadism in Its War Against Israel, Flashpoint No.119 (Mar. 14, 2025), https://isgap.org/flashpoint/how-hamas-promotes-sadism-in-its-war-against-israel/

100,000+

+ HAMAS SUMMER CAMPS IN A SINGLE YEAR, WHERE

//ANY RECEIVE PARAMILITARY TRAINING.

Meir Amit Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center, Summer Camps in the Gaza Strip: A Tool for Indoctrinating the Younger Generation with Radical Ideologies and Training Them to Become Future Operatives in the Terrorist Organizations, Especially Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (July 2014), <a href="https://www.terrorism-info.org.ll/en/summer-camps-in-the-gaza-strip-a-tool-for-indoctrinating-the-younger-generation-with-radical-ideologies-and-training-them-to-become-future-operatives-in-the-terrorist-organizations-especially-hamas//">https://www.terrorism-info.org.ll/en/summer-camps-in-the-gaza-strip-a-tool-for-indoctrinating-them-to-become-future-operatives-in-the-terrorist-organizations-especially-hamas//</a>



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Issue 40, November 15, 2004

Al-Fateh: Issue 10, June 2003

"ALL MUSLIM CHILDREN ARE THE HOPE FOR THE FUTURE AND BY THEIR HANDS, WITH ALLAH'S HELP, THE ACCURSED JEWISH STATE WILL BE TOTALLY DESTROYED."

AL-FATEH: THE HAMAS WEB MAGAZINE FOR CHILDREN Issue 43, January 1, 2005



"God Save Palestine" from "Al-Fateh" Issue 109, October 1, 2007

## "CHILDREN HAVE BECOME A TOOL FOR WARIDEOLOGICALLY CONDITIONED AND USED OPERATIONALLY IN HOSTILITIES."



Hamas turns tunnels into summer attraction, July 2016



A Hamas militant holds up a toddler during a military parade in July, 2017 Source: Twitter (2017)



Children perform a play at the Childhood Festival in Khan Yunis, 2016 source: MEMRI



A video posted a pro-Hamas Youtube account shows children undergoing military training in an Izz Al-Din Al-Qassam summer camp 2016

Israel Defense Forces, The Status of Children in Gaza (25 January 2018), https://www.idf.il/en/mini-sites/the-hamas-terrorist-organization/the-status-of-children-in-gaza/.

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AND CALLS FOR COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION REFORMS & ACCOUNTABILITY.

