

OPPRESSION WITHIN: HAMAS' BRUTALITY AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF GAZA

While presenting itself as a resistance movement, Hamas has established an authoritarian regime in Gaza defined by nearly two decades of brutal internal repression. Since its violent takeover in 2007, it has consolidated control through extrajudicial killings, torture, arbitrary detentions, and the systematic suppression of any form of dissent, in grave violation of international law and Palestinian law. This repression has drastically intensified since October 7, 2023, expanding to include new targets such as alleged looters and merchants, who have faced public executions and brutal punishments like being shot in the legs.

2025

Hamas publicly executes Gazan residents and ambushes many Gaza Humanitarian Foundation convoys near Khan Younis, killing eight and abducting several, showing its control over aid and dissent.

2024

Quds Press reveals the Arrow Unit, a plain-clothes strike force, tasked with hunting dissenters, alleged looters, and alleged collaborators with Israel, instilling fear through public punishments.

October 7, 2023

Hamas massacred over 1,200 people and abducted more than 250 hostages in Israel's deadliest terror attack, using the subsequent war as a pretext to escalate its brutal crackdown on Palestinians in Gaza.

2019

The "We Want to Live" protests erupt; thousands of demonstrators, journalists, and activists are arrested, beaten, and threatened in a brutal crackdown.

2007

Hamas seizes full control of Gaza, unleashing mass arrests, torture, and executions of political opposition and dissenters to cement its authority.



Translation of Arabic on Sign: "Hamas Does Not Represent Us"

Gaza Residents Stage Rare Protests Against Hamas Amid Ongoing Conflict." The New York Times, March 26, 2025. <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/03/26/world/middleeast/gaza-hamas-protests.html>

4 MAIN TACTICS USED BY HAMAS AGAINST ITS PEOPLE:



REPRESSION



ARBITRARY
DETENTION



EXTRAJUDICIAL
KILLING



BRUTALIZATION
& TORTURE

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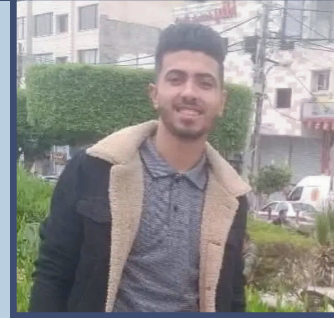
**"HAMAS WOULD RATHER
WE DIE OF HUNGER."**



An anonymous Gazan shared that upon receiving aid, Hamas "attacked queues of people waiting to receive aid from the American company in Gaza ... while on social media, Hamas threatens and incites against those who receive American aid."

Reported to the Center of Peace Communications

**TORTURED TO DEATH BECAUSE HE
DID NOT KNEEL TO HAMAS**



In March 2025, 22-year-old protester Uday Al Rabay was tortured and killed after demonstrating against Hamas rule. His body was left on his family's doorstep.

Ibrahim Dahman and Nadeen Ebrahim, Palestinian man tortured to death by Hamas militants after criticizing group and attending protests, CNN (April 2, 2025), <https://edition.cnn.com/2025/04/01/middleeast/uday-rabie-palestinian-tortured-hamas-intl-latam>

**"THEY BEAT ME WITH A HAMMER AND
DRAGGED ME 300 METERS."**



This Hamas dissenter took to the streets to express his discontent with the Hamas government and the war they are waging on behalf of Palestinians, impoverishing them and oppressing them in the process. As a punishment, Hamas tortured him in hopes of silencing him.

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**"THE PEOPLE WANT THE
DOWNFALL OF HAMAS."**



A "We Want to Live" Protest in Gaza, November 2023, where masses took to the streets dissenting against Hamas following the October 7th. This protest led to many arbitrary detentions, extrajudicial executions as well as brutalization of civilians.

Photo Credit: "Why Gazans Are Protesting Hamas Now." CNN. March 26, 2025. <https://www.cnn.com/2025/03/26/middleeast/why-gazans-are-protesting-hamas-now-intl-latam>

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