# EXPLOITING HOSPITALS FOR TERROR PURPOSES IS A CORE HAMAS TACTIC

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### Eliminating Hamas' terrorist presence in hospitals is a critical operational necessity

- Hamas systematically exploits hospitals for terror purposes by carrying out its terror activities amongst, behind, and under its own civilians.
- Over the last month, the IDF declassified evidence of these illegal activities. Examples
  of this include using the <u>Rantisi Children's Hospital for weapons storage</u> and
  potentially holding hostages captive, <u>shooting RPGs from the Al-Quds Hospital</u>, <u>firing
  from the Sheikh Hamad Hospital</u> and more.
- Israel and the IDF are operating carefully and precisely to counter these activities as credible intelligence has countlessly proved that the Hamas terrorist organization is deliberately embedded within civilian areas.
- Under international law, if a civilian structure is used for military purposes then it becomes a legitimate military target. Hamas uses their civilians as **human shields** by embedding themselves within densely populated civilian areas and concealing their military operations and infrastructure.



launching military activity.

# Shifa Hospital



#### **Hospital Profile**

- Largest hospital in Gaza
- Stretches over 15,000 square meters
- Holds over 1,500 beds and 4,000 staff members

<u>Shifa Hospital is home to Hamas' main command and control center.</u> The military headquarters, munitions and arms at the hospital complex are guarded by armed Hamas terrorists who fire at IDF forces operating in the vicinity.

Based on IDF and ISA intelligence, IDF troops <u>exposed a 55-meter-long terror tunnel</u> <u>10 meters deep underneath the Shifa Hospital complex</u>. The tunnel shaft was uncovered in the area of the hospital underneath a shed alongside a vehicle containing numerous weapons including RPGs, explosives, and Kalashnikov rifles.

Additionally, the IDF and ISA <u>exposed CCTV footage</u> from Shifa Hospital that proves the hospital was used as terrorist infrastructure in which the <u>Hamas terrorists took</u> <u>hostages on Saturday, October 7</u>



On November 7th, <u>an IAF airstrike on Hamas terrorists adjacent to the Al Quds</u> <u>Hospital led to significant secondary explosions</u>, indicating the presence of a Hamas weapons depot in a civilian area.

In a separate incident, <u>RPG and small arms were fired at IDF soldiers from the</u> <u>direction of Al Quds Hospital</u>. The shooting was carried out by a terrorist squad that had embedded itself within a group of civilians at the entrance of the hospital.

### Al Ahli Hospital



#### **Hospital Profile**

- Founded in 1882, Ottoman Empire
- Managed by the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem
- Circa 3,000 outpatient visits per month

On October 17th, <u>Hamas launched a global media campaign alleging that the IDF was</u> responsible for killing more than 500 civilians in a missle strike on the Al Ahli Hospital

Without performing any independent research or awaiting an official response from Israel, many media outlets **published false information** regarding the failed rocket launch of the terrorist organization Islamic Jihad.

After conducting a thorough investigation, the <u>IDF revealed that the explosion in the</u> <u>vicinity of the hospital was in fact caused by a misfired PIJ rocket</u> and the death toll was extremely exaggerated. The dissonance between global condemnation when the hospital was thought to have been struck by the IDF and the lack of such condemnation against the Islamic Jihad was glaring. Small corrections were added to articles and internal reviews were published days later. However, the damage was done, with Hamas and the Islamic Jihad likely being encouraged to falsify evidence again.

## Indonesian Hospital



#### Hospital Profile

- Opened in late 2015
- Four-story general hospital on 16,200 square meters
- 110 ward beds, 4 operating theaters, and a 10-bed ICU

The Indonesian Hospital was built with an innate purpose to disguise its underground terror infrastructure.

The IDF has shared <u>infographics exposing Hamas' terror infrastructure that has been</u> <u>built underneath the Indonesian Hospital</u>.



**Hospital Profile** 

### **Rantisi Hospital**

- Officially opened in 2008
- Named after a co-founder of Hamas
- Building stretches over 2,500 square meters

On November 8th, The IDF called on the people at Rantisi Hospital to evacuate, following extensive and credible reports that Hamas was using the hospital to conduct its attacks against Israel.

Once evacuation was complete, the <u>IDF was able to confirm that the hospital was</u> <u>indeed being used by Hamas</u> as explosive belts, grenades, weapons and RPG missiles were found in the basement of Rantisi.

A <u>conversation between a commander of Hamas's Western Jabaliya Battalion and a</u> <u>Gazan resident, with the participation of the director of the Indonesian Hospital, was</u> <u>intercepted by the Israeli Military Intelligence</u>. This intercept exposes Hamas' cynical exploitation of humanitarian resources in the Gaza Strip. The recording confirms that Hamas controls energy distribution in Gaza, prioritizing terrorist needs over the needs of their civilian population.

# Sheikh Hamad Hospital



#### **Hospital Profile**

- Opened in 2019
- Built and funded by the Qatari government

Hamas gunmen have been filmed opening fire at IDF forces from within the Sheikh Hamad Hospital in Gaza City.

IDF Intelligence holds information on a tunnel network under the hospital.