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YURY ZININ. THE CONFLICT IN THE GAZA STRIP IN THE CONTEXT OF HAMAS' IDEOLOGY

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*Abstract. The article examines the Israel-Palestine conflict in Gaza
that escalated on October 7, 2023, through the prism of the ideology of
the radical Palestinian organization Hamas. It analyzes its genesis and
the documents that have been at the core of its activities since 1987.
Hamas' reference points are Islam, the call for jihad with the goal of
“liberating all of Palestine”, that is, non-recognition of Israel.*

*The article analyzes the motives, features of the organization and
actions of the current Hamas leadership since the start of the conflict.*

*The author pays close attention to the views on the ideology and
practices of Hamas from the authorities, the public and the media of Arab
countries. Despite the differences in approaches, in general, the legitimate
rights of Palestine are universally supported.*

However, the reaction and responses to the events are not unambiguous. This reflects the impact of the rebalancing of relations and the ongoing changes in the hierarchy of the countries of the region. At the same time, today without the participation of Hamas, which has offered its alternative in approach to political processes in the Middle East, it is difficult to defuse the Arab-Israeli conflict. It is obvious that as long as the vital environment for the existence of Hamas remains, it will continue to support the vision of the organization.

The abrupt escalation of the conflict between Israel and Hamas (Islamic Resistance Movement) following the start of Operation Al-Aqsa Flood on October 7, 2023, resulted in a large number of casualties and destruction on both sides, unprecedented in the past three decades. These events and their implications spurred the attention of the scientific and media community in the Middle East to Hamas, its genesis, evolution, and in particular to its ideological views.

The movement is noted for its radicalism among modern parties and movements operating in the region under the banner of Islam. Being the Palestinian wing of the Muslim Brotherhood*, Hamas became independent in 1987. In 2006, the organization took center stage after winning the multi-party parliamentary elections in the Palestinian Authority, and has ruled in Gaza since then.

Ideological Foundations and Stages of the Movement

The founding document of Hamas, the charter, was adopted in 1988 and stated that Islam is the platform and core of the movement. Hamas ideology is anointed by the highest religious meaning. Its key thesis is the sanctity of Palestine and the preaching of jihad. The Hamas charter states that the land of Palestine is strictly prohibited to be alienated. There is no other way but jihad, any negotiations with the enemy are unacceptable and are considered treason or capitulation.

* Banned in Russia (hereinafter).