

# NAVIGATING THE STORM TO THE HORIZON'S EDGE

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# STORM OF CHAOS, DEATH & WAR | HOW DID WE GET HERE?



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CONFLUENCE & MOMENTUM OF THREE RADICAL IDEOLOGIES:

- THE SUNNI ISLAM CALIPHATE
- THE SHI'ITE ISLAM IMAMATE
- > THE RESISTANCE

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#### 680 - SUNNI-SHI'ITE SPLIT

## SUNNI MERIT BASED

The Best Man for the Position

# A BLOODLINE

A Descendant of the 4th Caliph Ali, the Son-in-Law and Cousin Of the Prophet Muhammad



#### **RESOLUTE ANIMOSITY & BLOODSHED SINCE 680**





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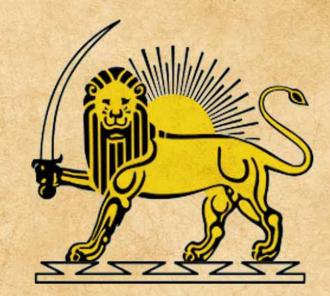
#### ANCIENT ARAB - PERSIAN - TURKISH POWER STRUGGLE

**Predominately Sunni** 

**Predominately Shi'ite** 

**Predominately Sunni** 











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#### SUNNI CALIPHATE

#### SHI'ITE IMAMATE

#### SUNNI ISLAM CALIPHATE





#### SHI'ITE ISLAM IMAMATE





























#### SUNNI CALIPHATE

#### SHI'ITE IMAMATE

- □ SUNNI CALIPHATE A GLOBAL ISLAMIC ENTITY
- ☐ SHI'ITE IMAMATE A GLOBAL ISLAMIC ENTITY
- ☐ THOUGH DIFFERENT ONE FROM THE OTHER IN TERMS OF GOVERNANCE AND RULER, BOTH MODELS ARE GOVERNED ACCORDING TO SHARIAH LAW
- □ SHARIAH, LITERALLY TRANSLATED AS "THE PATH," IS A SET OF RULES DEVELOPED BY MUSLIM RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS & PHILOSOPHERS THROUGHOUT HISTORY. SHARIAH LAW GUIDES EVERY ASPECT OF A MUSLIM'S LIFE.



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CONFLUENCE OF THREE RADICAL IDEOLOGIES



#### THE SUNNI CALIPHATE MOMENTUM

#### HAMAS, AL-QAIDA, ISIS, GAZA EMIRATE, ISLAMIC STATE IN IRAQ & SYRIA





1987 Hamas in Gaza



1988 Al-Qaida began in Afghanistan



2004 ISIS emerges in Iraq



2007 Hamas takes over Gaza = Emirate



2013- 2018 Islamic State in Iraq & Syria

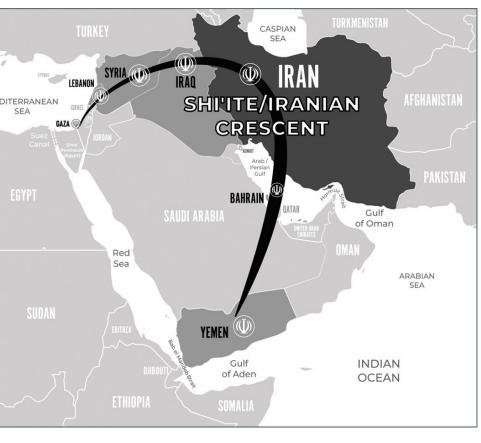






# 1980 ONWARDS - RADICAL IDEOLOGIES GAIN MOMENTUM

#### 1979 ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN & THE SHI'ITE IMAMATE MOMENTUM



# MULLAH REGIME & SHI'ITE CRESCENT - HEZBOLLAH, IRAQI SHI'ITE MILITIAS, HOUTHIS, NON-ARAB SHI'ITE MILITIAS



1980 Lebanese Hezbollah



1992 Yemen Houthi Ansar Allah



2014 Iraqi Shiite Militias (PMU)



2000's Non-Arab Shiite militias Zeinabiyoun/Fatimiyoun



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#### THE RESISTANCE (AL-MUQAWAMAH)

- ☐ ANTI WESTERN VALUES
- ☐ ERADICATING WESTERN INFLUENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST
- ☐ UNRELENTING STRUGGLE AGAINST ISRAEL UNTIL IT IS ANNIHILATED
- □ "LIBERATING PALESTINE"





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#### INNER-PALESTINIAN POWER STRUGGLE OVER LEADERSHIP







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**Governs the Gaza Strip Since 2007** 

- □ Islamist Movement, offspring of Muslim Brotherhood (est. 1928), largest movement in Muslim Sunni world
- ☐ Rejects nationalism
- ☐ Vows to eliminate Israel through Violence
- → Accuses PA of 'Betrayal of the Palestinian Cause'

- Nationalist Movement
- □ Accepts Israel's existence

Party in the Palestinian Authority (PA)

- □ Civil Resistance
- □ Accuses Hamas of dragging Gaza to destruction and damaging the Palestinian people's interests





# INNER PALESTINIAN POWER STRUGGLE



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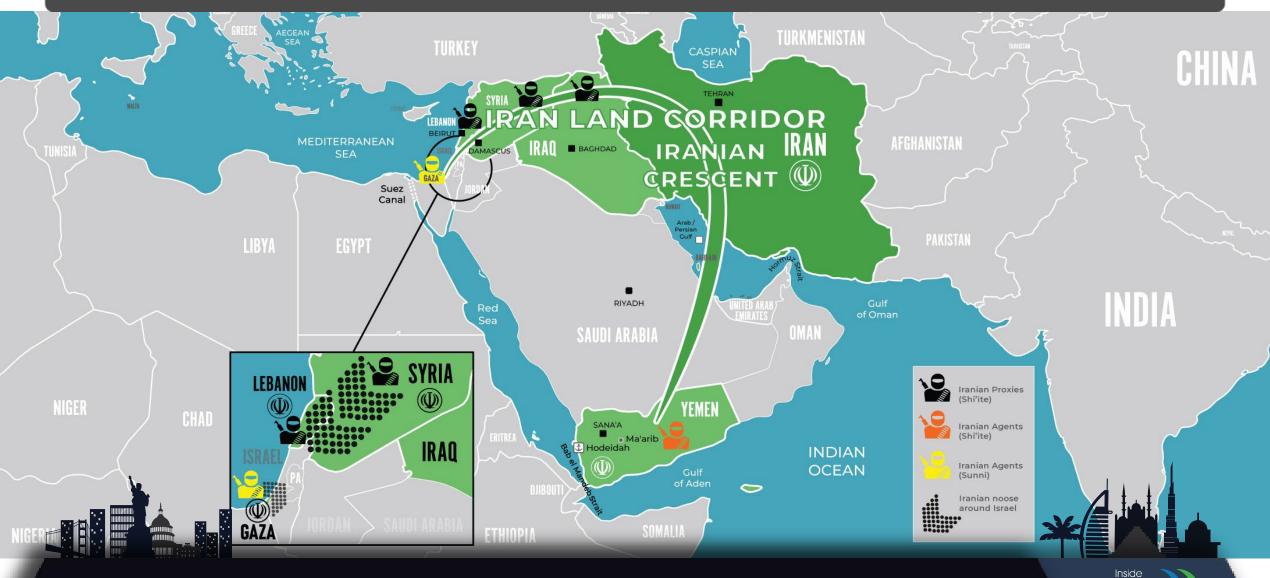
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# NETWORK OF TERROR | THE AXIS OF RESISTANCE



THE AXIS OF RESISTANCE



### "LIBERATING PALESTINE" | THE AXIS OF RESISTANCE PROPAGANDA



THE AXIS OF RESISTANCE PROPAGANDA "ON OUR WAY TO LIBERATE AL QUDS" (JERUSALEM'S NAME IN ARABIC)





# THE AXIS OF RESISTANCE | IRAN'S TROJAN HORSE



THE AXIS OF RESISTANCE IS A TROJAN HORSE DESTROYING

ARAB COUNTRIES IN THE NAME OF LIBERATING AL-QUDS







#### THE AXIS OF RESISTANCE BRINGS DESTRUCTION TO THE ARAB WORLD

#### **IRAN EXPLOITS GAZA**





**HEZBOLLAH DESTROYS LEBANON** 

#### HAMAS & IJIP ARE IRAN'S PUPPETS





**IRAQI SHIITE MILITIAS DESTROY IRAQ** 

#### **AXIS OF RESISTANCE STABS THE ARABS**





ARAB LEADERS ARE IRAN'S SERVANTS











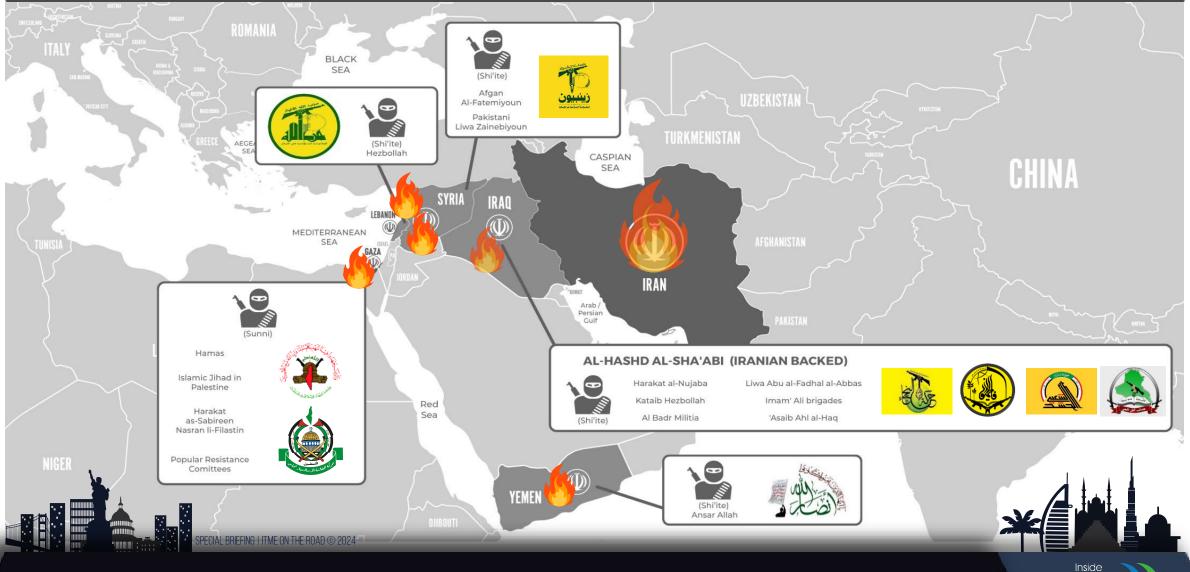
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THE RING OF FIRE

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#### RING OF FIRE | IRAN & HAMAS MARRIAGE OF CONVENIENCE











■ TARGETING ISRAEL'S SOFT BELLY - THE CIVILIANS





■ BUILD MASSIVE MILITARY INFRASTRUCTURE IN AREAS BORDERING ISRAEL



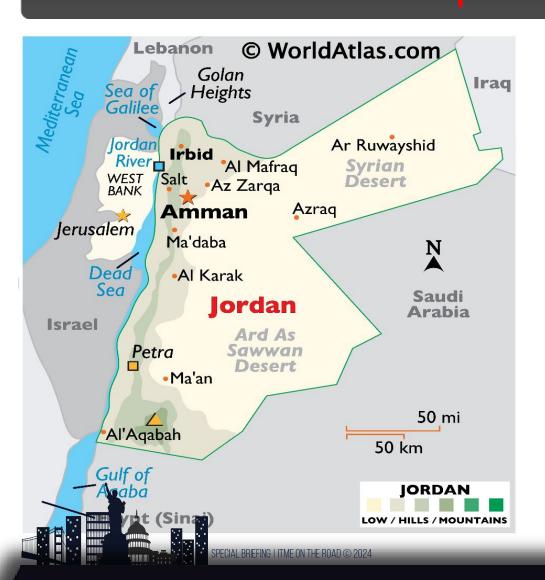
"UNIFYING OF THE ARENAS" - ELIMINATING ISRAEL BY LAUNCHING AN ALL-OUT WAR SIMULTANEOUSLY FROM ALL ARENAS

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# THE RING OF FIRE



#### THE RING OF FIRE | IRAN & HAMAS SEEK TO ADD JORDAN





















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THE RING OF FIRE



### WHY DID HAMAS LAUNCH THE WAR ON OCTOBER 7, 2023?

# PALESTINIAN POWER STRUGGLE



#### "UNIFYING OF ARENAS"

















#### **NORMALIZATION PROCESS**



















Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Bahrain, Sudan, Morocco, Oman, Saudi Arabia, UAE







#### DCTOBER 7, 2023 & THE 'RING OF FIRE' DOCTRINE





- Hamas was under the impression that the day of UNIFYING OF THE ARENAS had come. Its 'brothers-inarms' - the Axis of Resistance did not fully join...
- The Arab world criticizes Hamas for inflicting disaster on Gaza in the service of its & Iran's radical ideologies.



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#### IRAN'S TACTICS TO SAVE HAMAS & IJIP IN GAZA



- ☐ Iran orders members of the Axis of Resistance to gradually expand and increase attacks across the region, targeting Israel, United States assets and forces, and maritime trade in the Red Sea.
- ☐ Iran's tactics aim to pressure the US to pressure Israel to end the war in Gaza. Thus, Iran will save Hamas's rule in Gaza.
- Expanding hostilities increases the risk of regional war.



# APRIL 13 / 14, 2024 | IRAN ATTACKS ISRAEL





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**185** כטב"מים



99% מהשיגורים יורטו



**36** טילי שיוט







# APRIL 19, 2024 | ISRAELI SYMBOLIC RETALIATION





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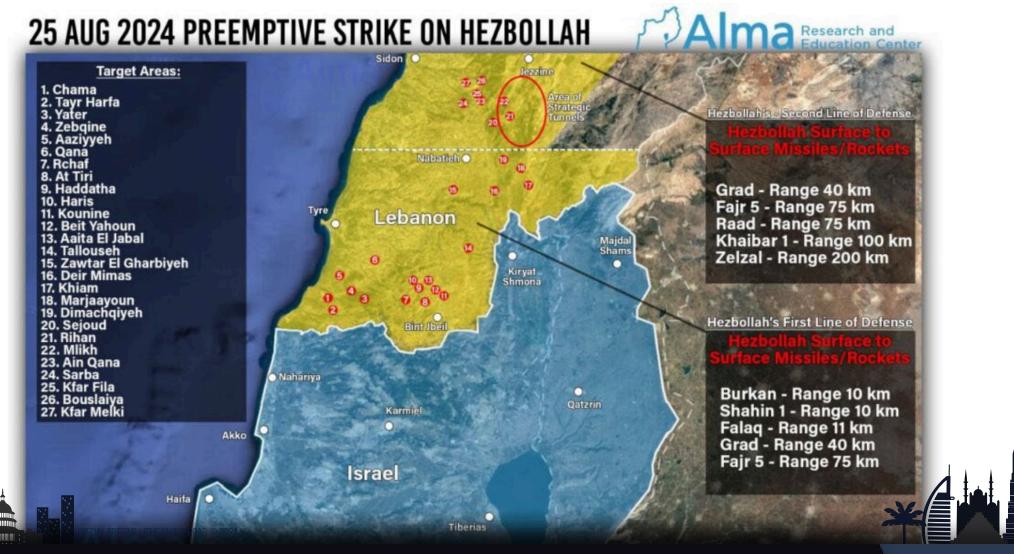


#### JULY 20, 2024 | ISRAELI RETALIATION HODEIDA PORT





#### AUGUST 24, 2024 | ISRAELI PREEMPTIVE STRIKE IN LEBANON







# SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 | 3 FRONT ATTACK ON ISRAEL







## SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 | PAGER ATTACK IN LEBANON







#### SEPTEMBER 21 - 24, 2024 | ESCALATION | ALL EYES ON THE NORTH





#### EQUIP & EMPOWER YOURSELF THROUGH EDUCATION & UNDERSTANDING

- > ESCALATION OF THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT SINCE 1990'S STEMS FROM CONFLUENCE & MOMENTUM OF THREE RADICAL IDEOLOGIES:
  - **✓ SUNNI CALIPHATE, SHI'ITE IMAMATE, THE RESISTANCE.**
- > WESTERN DISCOURSE (ACADEMIC, MEDIA, POLITICAL, ETC.) FAILED TO UNDERSTAND THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE ESCALATION. THAT FAILURE STEMS FROM:
  - NARRATIVES OF BOTH SIDES (ISRAEL & PALESTINIAN ) WERE MISTAKENLY VIEWED AS REASONS FOR ESCALATION.
  - THE CONFLICT HAS BEEN SHAPED BY BUZZWORDS, SLOGANS, THEORIES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN TESTED AGAINST REAL-WORLD FACTS AND OUTCOMES OFTEN DRIVEN BY EMOTIONAL REACTIONS RATHER THAN GROUNDED IN REALITY.





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FROM THE RIVER TO THE SEA HAMAS GOAL IS NOT PALESTINIAN STATE — IT IS A CALIPHATE INTIFADA CALLING FOR THE KILLING OF THOUSANDS OF ISRAELIS AND PALESTINIANS THE RESISTANCE — AL MUQAWAMAH  $lue{}$  HAS INFLICTED DEATH AND DESTRUCTION ACROSS THE MIDDLE EAST — INCLUDING PALESTINIANS. "LIBERATING PALESTINE" ■ AN EXCUSE IRAN USES IRAN TO TAKE OVER THE ARAB WORLD TO ACHIEVE IT'S OWN GOALS **KEFIYYEH KUFFIYEH** RESENTMENT IN ARAB WORLD FOR DISRESPECTING INDIGENOUS & NATIVE SYMBOL OF NOBILITY & HONOR

# COMPLEX REALITY CAN'T BE EXPLAINED THROUGH SLOGANS







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#### NARATIVES & BUZZ WORDS







## INSIDE THE MIDDLE EAST | INTELLIGENCE PERSPECTIVES [ITME]

**TEST OF REALITY CHRONOLOGY** 







## INSIDE THE MIDDLE EAST | INTELLIGENCE PERSPECTIVES [ITME]

UNDERSTANDING THE UNDERLYING FACTORS SHAPING THE MIDDLE EAST IS CRITICAL TO WESTERN INTERESTS.

EXPANDING AUTHENTIC PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST IS ESSENTIAL FOR ANYONE THAT WANTS TO BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE REGION'S COMPLEX REALITY OR MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE REGION.

# TO UNDERSTAND ISRAEL YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THE MIDDLE EAST

































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### COMING SOON THIS WINTER



#### SCAN NOW TO STAY TUNED

