

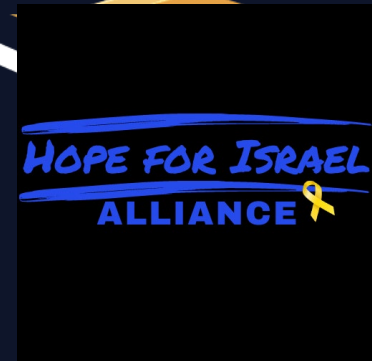
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SUNNI CALIPHATE [ANCIENT]

SHI'ITE IMAMATE [ANCIENT]

MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD



AL QAEDA



HAMAS



ISIS



HEZBOLLAH



AL-HASHD AL SHAABI (PMU)



ANSAR ALLAH (HOUTHIS)



ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARDS (IRG/IRGC)



BOTH GOVERNED BY SHARIAH LAW



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| ROAD TO OCTOBER 7 | 3 RADICAL IDEOLOGIES CONVERGE

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THE RESISTANCE *AL-MUQAWAMAH* (MODERN)

- ❑ ANTI WESTERN VALUES
- ❑ ERADICATING WESTERN INFLUENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST
- ❑ UNRELENTING STRUGGLE AGAINST ISRAEL UNTIL IT IS ANNIHILATED
- ❑ “LIBERATING PALESTINE”



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| ROAD TO OCTOBER 7 | 3 RADICAL IDEOLOGIES CONVERGE

NETWORK OF TERROR | MILITIAS TO POSITION IRAN AS SUPERPOWER



| IRAN & THE AXIS OF RESISTANCE

THE RING OF FIRE & 'UNIFYING OF ARENS' | IRAN'S DOCTRINE TO ELIMINATE ISRAEL



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| THE RING OF FIRE & UNIFYING OF ARENAS

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

INNER PALESTINIAN POWER STRUGGLE



HAMAS
IDEOLOGY: ISLAMIST
GOAL: CALIPHATE

PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY
[FATAH IS LARGEST PARTY]
IDEOLOGY: NATIONALIST
GOAL: PALESTINIAN STATE

“UNIFYING OF ARENAS”



UNIFYING ARENAS & PALESTINIAN POWER STRUGGLE

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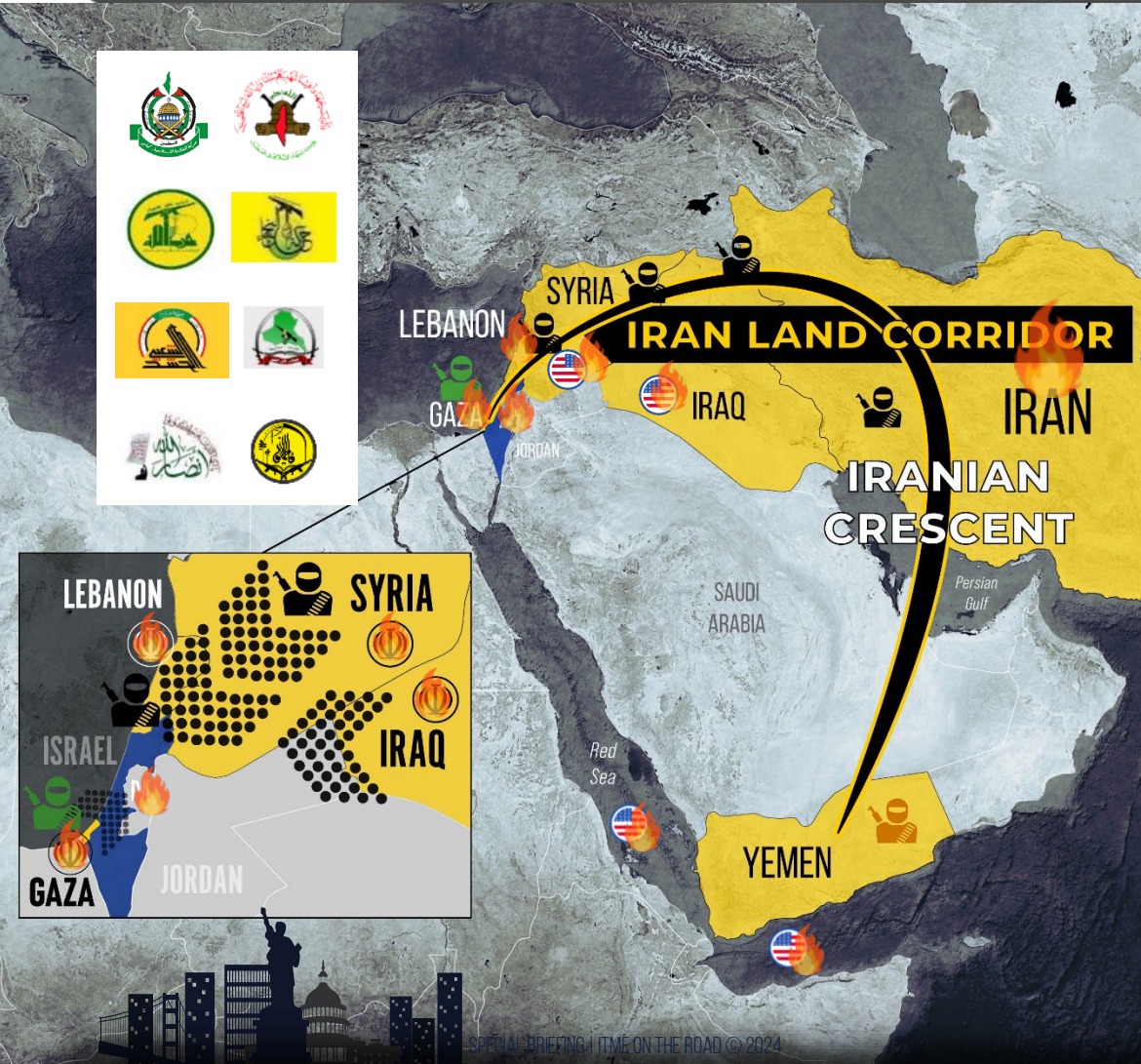
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OCT 7 IMPACT | MULTIFRONT ESCALATION DICTATED BY IRAN

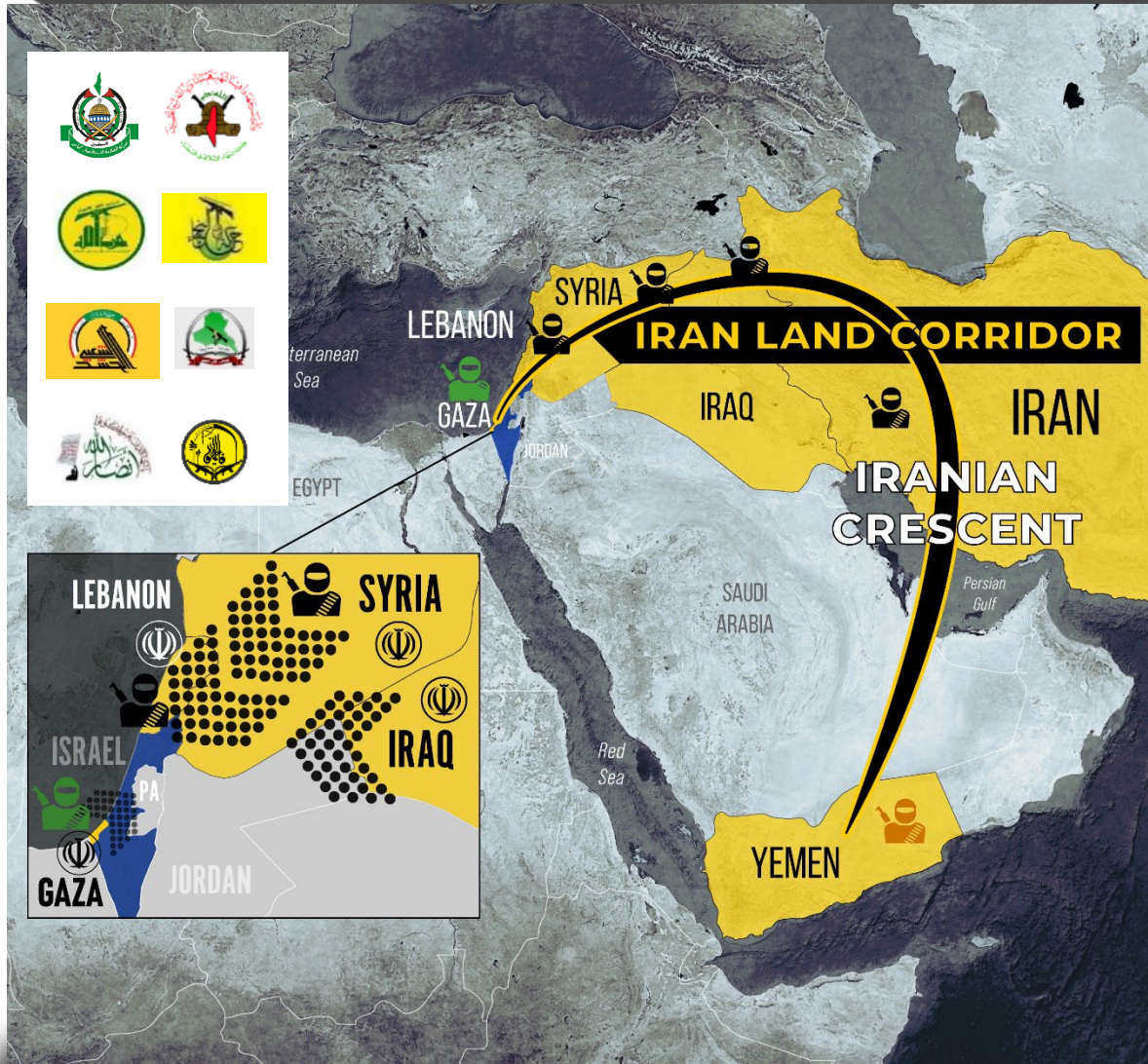


- ❑ Iran ordered the Axis of Resistance to increase attacks - targeting Israel, U.S. assets, & maritime trade in Red Sea.
- ❑ Iran's goal. Pressure US & international community to pressure Israel to end war in Gaza & thereby save Hamas' rule in Gaza.




| OCTOBER 7 DOMINO EFFECT | DISINTEGRATION OF AXIS OF RESISTANCE



OCT 7 IMPACT | WEAKENING OF AXIS OF RESISTANCE



ESCALATION HAD THE OPPOSITE IMPACT

-  Israel Defeats Hezbollah
-  Israel Destroys Hamas Military Capacity
-  Israel Weakens Iran's Deterrence Posture
-  Israel Restores Deterrence Posture



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DOMINO EFFECT | DOWNFALL OF ASSAD REGIME



**DOMINO EFFECT:
DOWNFALL OF AXIS OF RESISTANCE (ALA AL-LAQTA)**



**SYRIAN REVOLUTION KICKS OUT IRAN
AND ITS MILITIAS (IBRAHIM DEGHWARI)**



| OCTOBER 7 DOMINO EFFECT | DISINTEGRATION OF AXIS OF RESISTANCE



DOMINO EFFECT | REGIONAL PLAYERS

TURKEY ?
Boosts regional influence

SYRIA ?
Towards radicalization or pragmatism?

IRAN ✓
Weakening of Mullah regime

LEBANON ✓
Partial strengthening of sovereignty

IRAQ ✓
Partial strengthening of sovereignty

| OCTOBER 7 DOMINO EFFECT | REGIONAL PLAYERS

ISRAEL, THE PALESTINIANS, MAJOR ARAB STATES



PALESTINIANS

Hamas weakened but continues to be relevant player. Reshuffling of political structure is subject to the inner Palestinian discussion over the “Resistance.”



ISRAEL

The domino effect potentially strengthening Israel’s geostrategic situation. Reshuffling of the political structure.



Major Arab States

Increasing involvement, weakening of Iran’s hegemonic vision. Israeli-Saudi rapprochement.



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- **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 SIDES (ISRAEL & PALESTINIAN) WERE MISTAKENLY VIEWED AS REASONS FOR ESCALATION.**
 - ❑ **DISCUSSION SUBJECT TO BUZZWORDS, SLOGANS & THEORIES EXEMPTED FROM THE TEST OF REALITY**
 - ❑ **DISCUSSION DRIVEN BY EMOTIONAL REACTIONS RATHER THAN FACTS AND CONTEXT**



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| COMPLEX REALITY CAN'T BE EXPLAINED THROUGH SLOGANS

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