



MIDDLE EAST 2025 | OCTOBER 7 AND THE DOMINO EFFECT

SPECIAL BRIEFING BY AVI MELAMED







- THE ROAD TO OCTOBER 7 | HISTORIC AND CONTEMPORARY FACTORS
- > CONFLUENCE & MOMENTUM OF THREE RADICAL IDEOLOGIES
- > THE AXIS OF RESISTANCE | A NETWORK OF TERROR
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MAP OF ISRAEL | WEST BANK | GAZA



A BRIEF FRAMING



THE GAZA STRIP | MAJOR MILESTONES

□ 1948 − 1967

The Egyptian Military Ruled Gaza | Did Not Annex or Give Gazans Egyptian Citizenship

□ 1967 − 2005

Following the 1967 Six-Day War | Israeli Military Ruled Gaza

2005

Israel Evacuated Gaza | Israeli Military & Civilians Resettled in Other Parts of Israel

2005 – 2007

Palestinian Authority (the largest party is Fatah) Ruled Gaza

2007

Hamas Overthrew the Palestinian Authority in a Violent Coup | Hamas Took Control of Gaza

□ 2007 – Today

Hamas Governs and Rules Gaza







680 | SUNNI-SHI'ITE SPLIT

SUNNI

MERIT BASED

The Best Man for the Position

SHIA

BLOODLINE

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

Lallpulatee

RESOLUTE ANIMOSITY & BLOODSHED SINCE 680





ROAD TO OCTOBER 7 | HISTORIC & CONTEMPORARY FACTORS



SUNNI CALIPHATE [ANCIENT]

SHI'ITE IMAMATE [ANCIENT]

MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD AL QAEDA



HAMAS



ISIS





HEZBOLLAH



ISLAMIC RESISTANCE



BRIGADES



ANSAR ALLAH (HOUTHIS)



ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARDS



GOAL IS GLOBAL ENTITY



GOVERNED BY SHARIAH LAW





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"

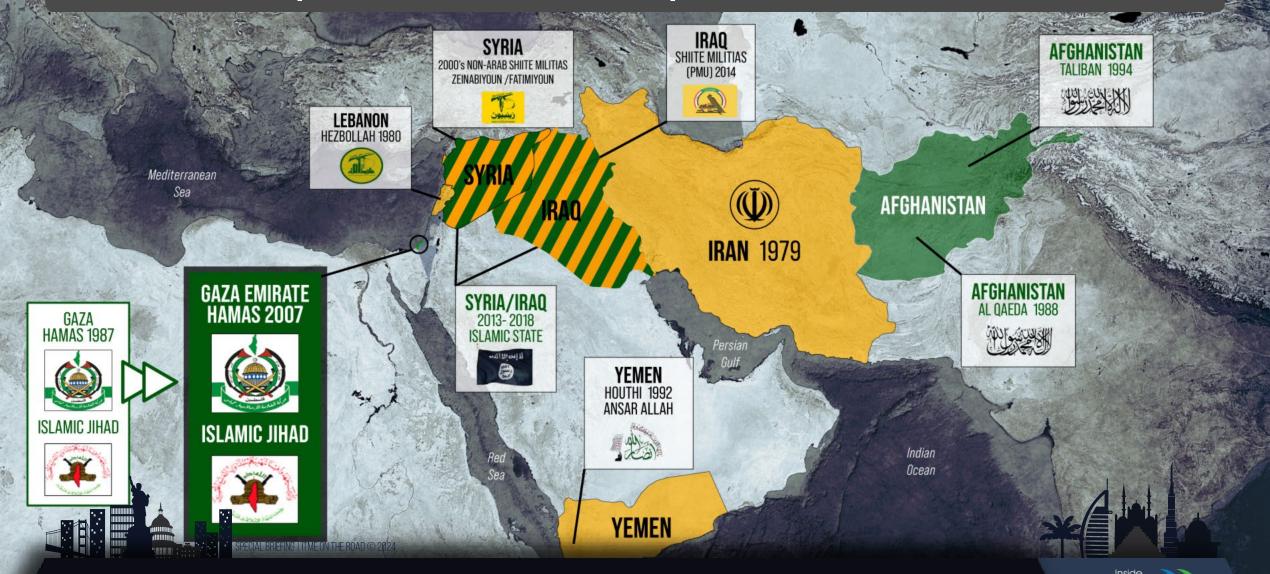




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ROAD TO OCTOBER 7 | 3 RADICAL IDEOLOGIES CONVERGE

MOMENTUM | SUNNI & SHI'ITE MILITIAS | AFTER 1979 ISLAMIC REVOLUTION



ROAD TO OCTOBER 7 | 3 RADICAL IDEOLOGIES CONVERGE



NETWORK OF TERROR | MILITIAS TO POSITION IRAN AS SUPERPOWER



| IRAN & THE AXIS OF RESISTANCE



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



| 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"



















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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.





OCT 7 IMPACT | WEAKENING OF AXIS OF RESISTANCE



ESCALATION HAD THE OPPOSITE IMPACT

- ☐ (iii) 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 AXIS OF RESISTANCE [ALA AL-LAQTA]



SYRIAN REVOLUTION KICKS OUT IRAN AND ITS MILITIAS (IBRAHIM DEGHWAR)





OCTOBER 7 DOMINO EFFECT | DISINTEGRATION OF AXIS OF RESISTANCE



DOMINO EFFECT | REGIONAL PLAYERS



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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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TO UNDERSTAND ISRAEL & THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THE MIDDLE EAST







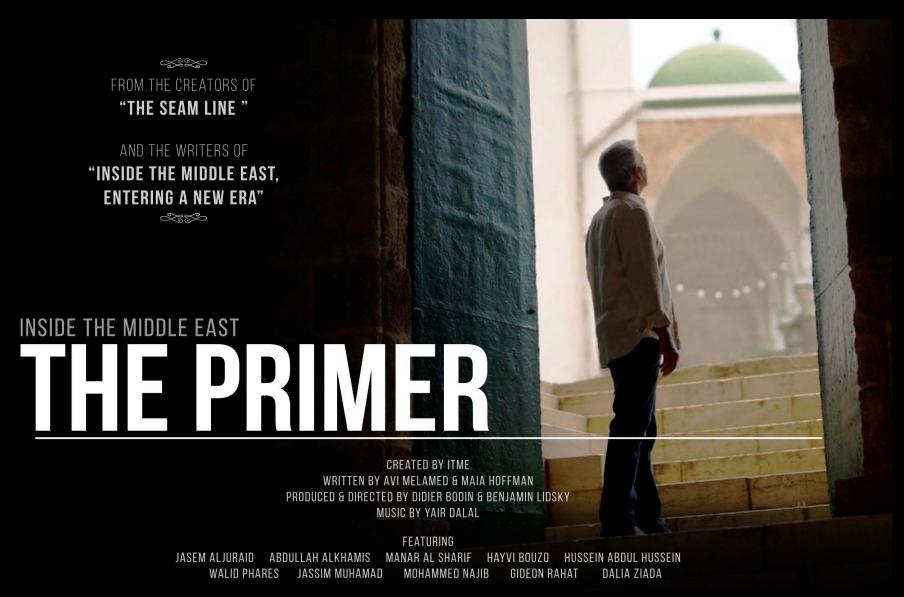




COMING SOON THIS WINTER



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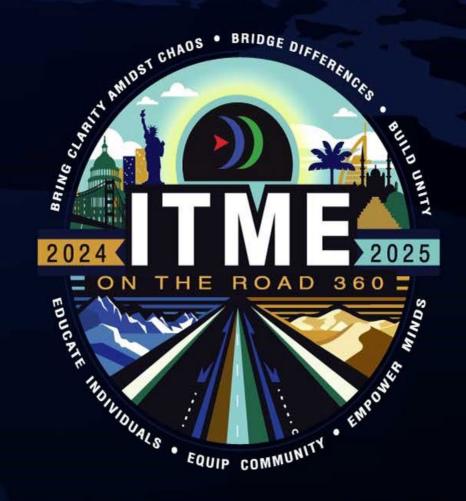


























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