



In the Name of Allah most merciful most beneficent
Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas
Genesis and Commencement

Introduction:

Praise Allah, Lord of the universe, and prayers and peace on the commander of the Mujahidin and on his family and companions and those who walk with patience and guidance until the Day of Judgment, and so: The political committee has released its circular number 28 dated 13 Muharram 1412 A.H. which is 25 July 1991 A.D., and when the committee had prepared another circular titled "Our Policy" number 30, the council decided to merge the modified circular with the other and issue them together in a single pamphlet. This pamphlet, which introduces the Mujahidin brethren to their movement, its genesis, commencement, structure, and organization, and general policy, was copied.

The Commencement:

The Islamic Resistance Movement - HAMAS is well known to be a movement working from its formation in the field of opposition to the Jewish Entity in Palestine. It was formed by its bulletin dated 12/14/1987 which called for the continuation of comprehensive Islamic resistance that the people of the Gaza Strip started on 12/7-8/87 and the following days in the Strip and the West Bank after the incident which has been named the "Erez Checkpoint" at the entrance to the Strip. That event, which was spark that launched the Intifada, set off the actions of the comprehensive resistance after a series of affronts and suppressive actions which became a flame now continued by the Jew against our people from the moment of the occupation on June 5th of 67. There is no need to understand from our words that Hamas did not have a presence before that date, but it existed as a movement at least nine years earlier. That was the day university education found its way to some of the educational institutions, and our students became able to evaluate scientific higher education in the universities of Bir Zeit, Najah, Jerusalem, Gaza, Hebron, and Bethlehem, and in the colleges and higher institutes spread around here and there in the West Bank and the Strip. In these institutes and universities, the core of active Islamic students was formed. It appeared as an Islamic mass in the universities of Bir Zeit and al-Najah, the Islamic University in Gaza, and the University of Hebron in 1978. In following years, because of the Islamic group's activities, the group's working core was formed in the mosques in the West Bank and Gaza. These Islamic groups and mosque committees took on the mission of protecting the youth from the concept of materialistic, atheistic Arabism and delivering and expanding the call to Islam, basing educational activities on it, blocking attempts to whitewash the Palestinian issue, contributing to the activities of the uprising which disrupts the plans of the enemy to make all aspects of life in the West Bank and Gaza Jewish, and to control

[IL] in our people's psyche on the road to freeing their land and regaining their rights. Then the movement takes care of mobilizing the masses behind the leadership to accomplish goals and execute actions; Hamas started this recruitment at an early time - in the mid-seventies - exploiting the Islamic awakening which imposed itself on the field after the personal crisis which struck the Ummah following the declaration about accepting the concept of a political solution and reconciliation with the Jews which came from the resolutions in the Rabat Conference in 1974. Because of this we can pinpoint the birth of the movement in action and time to 1974, and specify the birthplace as the mosques, schools, institutes, universities, and some social institutions throughout the West Bank and Gaza in the years following 1974. While the structure of the movement was announced in its first bulletin in 1987 it already had widespread followers in large numbers. The masses responded to the call and the breath of one man detonated the spark of Anbal as a phenomenon of our time in the scope of the weak and downtrodden rising up against their brutal, oppressive, arrogant enemies. In this way the Intifada imposed itself on reality, Islamic from the outset, following the path of Islam despite all of the attempts to turn it from its path. By the grace of Allah first, by the grace of the people of Hamas second, every day we see radical changes in the view and outlook of the masses as well as their support for the movement, and the way hope is wrapped around Hamas, the hope to which the masses hold to change the path of the issue towards the Islamism of the solution, with Allah's permission.

Factors for the Foundation:

The foundation of Hamas is based on several factors, the most important of which are:

I: The Muslim Brotherhood:

The Islamic Uprising Movement - Hamas - is considered an outgrowth of the Muslim Brotherhood. It was formed at the popular level and founded on the plane of the masses. The Muslim Brotherhood included members who were scholars, pious, and righteous. It was able to connect with the masses and provide services to them. It could educate the youth and implement the missions, guidance and direction from the leadership, not to mention how much the people loved, respected, and valued them. That is just because the person who will answer the call must take on these characteristics and traits. The Brotherhood will take on a greater number of young people who have some of these traits but lack experience and the ability to lead and direct. Time does not allow for their preparation and training because of the lack of education and the requirements of the phase and its demands. They do not allow themselves to be neglected; they are the supporters, they are the triggers which protect the call and the arm that will attack the enemy, Allah willing. If the number of supporters increases and they become a great assembly and a huge number, the group will have done everything they can. The appearance of the Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas was inevitable. It jumped from the phase of training and preparation under the Muslim Brotherhood in Palestine to the Jihad phase, from the

[IL] phase to the phase of implementation. The presence of the Muslim Brotherhood in Palestine goes back to the end of the 1930's after Allah revived the Ummah and renewed the call to the Ummah to come back to Islam, and restored it to the clarity and purity it had when it was first revealed to the people in the age of the prophet. This reviver was the martyr Imam Hasan Al-Banna. Many Palestinians learned from him, they went to Egypt to continue their education and came back to Palestine afterwards and set up their homes in enlightenment, the call to Islam, and education. They prepared the people in the land of Palestine, and in 1948 battalions of volunteers from the Brotherhood came to Palestine from Egypt, Syria and Jordan to join the Brotherhood of Palestine to take up the duty of Jihad. They concentrated their battalions in Gaza, al-Naqab, Hebron, Bethlehem, and Galilee. This gave them the chance to contact the people of Palestine and introduce them to the Muslim Brotherhood groups, then to set up the first [1 illegible] for their call. But the events of the war moved quickly, and the Brotherhood volunteers in Palestine left, followed by a people suffering from fragmented lives; a people preoccupied by the circumstances of their survival by just thinking about working through a group in an organized way and the call and Jihad. The remnant of Palestine was divided into two separate parts. There was the Gaza Strip which followed the Egyptian administration, and the West Bank which joined Jordan. With this, the brotherhood was divided into two branches, the Gaza branch which joined the organization in Egypt, and the West Bank branch which joined the organization in Jordan. The two branches did not have direct contact until after 1967, and they were not able to work towards an independent structure until the Eighties when circumstances around the issue provided the opportunity to make decisions in this regard. These are the Muslim Brotherhood groups in Palestine in a very brief summary, and they are the mother of the Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas and its leader into victory, with Allah's permission.

Second: The Islamic Awakening

The Islamic Awakening is believed to have resulted from the efforts of the Muslim Brotherhood Groups following the will of Allah, may He be praised. It is not true when they say it was a by-product of the Islamic Revolution in Iran. The revolution was a result of the Awakening, not a cause of it. The spread of the prevailing idea which says that the Iranian Revolution was the cause comes from the efforts of the intelligence service of the Enemy and the enemies of Islam to change international public opinion about Islam and the Islamic groups. The Iranian Revolution was accompanied by violence, hostage-taking, the hijacking of airplanes and some people asked about the delay in the awakening which was still tied to the Muslim Brotherhood groups which had appeared in Egypt in 1928, so we provide you with these reasons:

- 1) The appearance of Nassirism following the Egyptian Revolution of 1952. The masses of the Arab and Islamic world were enthralled by the person of Jamal Abd Al-Nasir and his ability to act, distort the truth, and deceive. He put goals in place for the Nation which were at odds with the goals of Islam, and he set up fantasies which were far from the truths of this great religion. In doing so, he made the masses too busy for their Lord, creating slogans which were far from its beliefs and the rulings of its law and its struggle. It was a matter of course that the regime of Abd Al-Nasir would move the struggle with the Brotherhood since they were exposed to defamation, persecuted, arrest and assassination, and their leadership in his prisons continued

[IL] for half a century, and they were not released until after their sentences were commuted in the early seventies.

- 2) The appearance of Nationalist and Marxist parties which took advantage of the apathy of the people of the Ummah, and their fascination with Abd Al-Nasir and the materialist, nationalist, socialist concepts he espoused, the unity, freedom, and atheism of the nation. These parties broke out as a result of all of this to rally the masses around their glittering emblems, enslaving them to their principles and spurious concepts, exploiting their sympathies, beliefs, and dreams of a life of honor and dignity. In doing so they were stripped of their principles and religion; when they saw the illusion, falsehood, and vanity of what they had been promised and what they had believed they returned to their religion and overcame their apathy; this was their awakening. These were the things which delayed the awakening; as for the reasons why it appeared after 1972, they go back to the following:
 1. The defeat of 1967 which led to the formation of what remains of Palestine and another remnant of Egypt and Syria; the people of the Ummah woke up to the reality of the weakness represented by the pagan governing regimes
 2. None of those things the pagan regimes and parties promised themselves came to pass in any field: military, economic, social or political.
 3. The PLO's members failed to deliver on its promises to the people; they could not even simply continue the armed struggle until full liberation was realized and all of the rights which had been taken away had been restored. Instead, they brought an insulting political solution which acknowledges the Enemy and gives up land and rights, becoming a psychological defeat to the Ummah after their military defeat. So a common upsurge in Islamism was seen along with a general acceptance by the populace of the Islamic groups, which was aided by:
 - i. Widespread university education
 - ii. The establishment of Islamic organizations which provide social, health and education services
 - iii. Elevating the outlook imposed on the Islamic book which formed the Islamic core and the mosque committees. In this way we can understand what they meant when some said; "the awakening was delayed, as was the launch." They said this as a way of explaining the delay in making the decision to start the Islamic Resistance Movement and announce its inception.

II: The Palestinian Cause:

Since its appearance in the form of the British mandate in 1917, the Palestinian issue and the nationalist groups and parties within Palestine and abroad were sometimes [sic]. Because the masses lived life ignoring it, and because pagan parties and movements were building nationalism on the basis of freedom, reclamation of rights, and bearing arms to do so, the people supported those groups and movements. When the lie appeared and the truth became clear, those people left those movements and came back to rally around the concepts of Jihad, total liberation, a return of all rights. No one other than the Islamists who had taken on these causes remained on the field. So the popular support and attack resulted in the birth of the blessed movement, which is the Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas.