



## IMPACT- SE

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### Executive Summary

## ***Al-Fateh* – The Hamas Web Magazine for Children: Incitement to Terror, Annihilation and Self-Destruction**



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*Al-Fateh* (<http://al-fateh.net>) is an online Arabic magazine aimed at Arabic-speaking children and young people. The Web site went online in September 2002, starting as a monthly publication. The site is registered to an address in Lebanon, but after a substantial upgrade in March–April 2007, it was stated that *Al-Fateh* is based in London. In practice, it is identified with the Palestinian Hamas movement,<sup>1</sup> serves as its internet educational instrument, supports its ideology and terrorist activities,<sup>2</sup> and serves as a platform for Hamas propaganda and indoctrination, especially of Palestinian, and more generally, Arab and Muslim, children.

Politically, the Web site's consistent message is a call for establishing an Islamic state between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea (covering all the area of the State of Israel), the destruction of the Jewish state, and an armed struggle of violence and terror against all who are defined as the enemies of Islam, including the West in general.

Having examined various issues on the Web site, this report documents its delegitimization of Israel and Zionism in every aspect, its incitement to hatred, violence and annihilation, the indoctrinating cult of jihad and martyrdom, the attitude to the West as an enemy of Islam (over which Islam is destined to triumph), and the use of the Lebanese terrorist organization Hezbollah as an example and model. Most importantly, the report documents the indoctrination of the younger generation into the tenets of Hamas. The educational campaign involves the relentless indoctrination of the young into these ideological principles and into the commitment to carry them out, using blatantly racist and anti-Semitic language, including the portrayal of the Jews as enemies of mankind and killers of prophets, and even Holocaust denial. Children are guided, indeed molded, to hate and demonize the “other” — all non-Muslims and Westerners, but especially Jews, whether in Israel or elsewhere — to glorify bloody violence, and to aspire to become not just fighters but suicidal *shahids*, like the “martyrs” who are constantly praised by *Al-Fateh*. Children are effectively prepared to become the next sacrificial instruments in the war of terror and annihilation carried out by Hamas.

This report is based on examination of 132 issues of *Al-Fateh*, from the first (September 2002) to September 2008.

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<sup>1</sup>. Hamas (the Arabic acronym for Islamic Resistance Movement) was founded in 1987 by Sheikh Ahmad Yassin as an armed organization, following several years of activity as a social and religious movement based in the Gaza Strip. It regards itself as a wing of the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood, and has never been a member of the PLO — the official Palestinian umbrella organization headed by the Fatah armed faction. In 2006 Hamas won the parliamentary elections in the Palestinian National Authority (a PLO-affiliated state apparatus) and formed the government, until friction with the Fatah-backed PNA escalated to a Hamas coup and the ousting of President Mahmoud Abbas from the Gaza Strip.

<sup>2</sup>. The adjective and the noun “terrorist” are used in this essay to denote murderous militant activities deliberately directed at civilians and the civilian population at large to demoralize the population while inflicting maximal casualties. This definition applies regardless of the ideology that motivates terrorism and the goals it serves. It would apply to the means even if one sympathized with the ideology.