

'Lone wolves' are part of a murderous mental pack

Israel should treat incitement as seriously as it treats concrete terrorist plots and arrest the people who spread it, confiscate their property, and if necessary, deport them.

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Neither wolves nor lone: Terrorist attacks we quickly classify as "lone wolf" incidents do not come out of a vacuum. The atmosphere that creates them – from which the shooters, stabbers, and car rammers draw inspiration for their solo actions – has for years seen expression in an ongoing festival of glorifying terrorism, jihad, and spilling the blood of Jews and Israelis. The incitement and the hatred don't belong to any one organization. They cross camps and factions. They are the common ground for nearly all the "lone wolf" attackers.

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Something similar is happening now, but it's reality, not a play. **Orit Perlov**, a researcher at the **Institute for National Security Studies** and an expert on social media and discourse in the Arab world, has identified a trend of "unifying forces and zones," both geographically (the Negev, east Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and inside the Green Line) and organizationally (between the various terrorist groups), all under the direction by two branches of the same entity: Hamas abroad and Hamas in Gaza.

Hamas in Gaza, Perlov explained this week, is running two campaigns: the first, which it calls "Save the Negev," links the Negev to Jerusalem as two areas Israel wants to "Judaize." The second campaign is trying to recruit "Palestinians inside Israel" (Arab Israelis) to become shahids alongside their brothers from east Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria.

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