

' Hamas is operating in Belgium, but we can't do anything about it' - interview

'It's something that I've never heard before, and it's a disgrace' – opposition MP Michael Freilich.

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MP Michael Freilich from the opposition New Flemish Alliance Party recounted his astonishment at the response of Justice Minister Paul Van Tigchelt, who openly admitted as a response to his inquiry that there indeed are groups who operate in Belgium on the account of Hamas, lobbying, and fundraising for the terror group designated as such by EU laws.

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Dr. Ehud Rosen, a researcher at the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) specializing in political Islam, adds that in parallel to its military efforts, Hamas and its Islamist global support networks are engaging in a wide-ranging effort to challenge Israel's standing on the international stage, carried out through a comprehensive framework of civil society groups.

Rosen also comments that pro-Hamas activists in the West emulate its parent movement – the global Muslim Brotherhood – by the creation of this vast “civil” infrastructure of which EUPAC is certainly a part. In other words, If Van Tigchelt's signaling out of EUPAC as a Hamas arm is correct, this would mean that the council serves as part of Hamas's civil wing, a sophisticated mechanism working in parallel to their more widely known military and political ones.

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