

# Jimmy Carter and Hamas

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In the midst of last summer's war between Israel and the Hamas regime in Gaza, Jimmy Carter [wrote](#): "...the United States and the EU should recognize that Hamas is not just a military but also a political force. Hamas cannot be wished away... Only by recognizing its legitimacy as a political actor – one that represents a substantial portion of the Palestinian people – can the West begin to provide the right incentives for Hamas to lay down its weapons." [more>>>](#)