

Palestinians In Gaza Rain On Hamas' Victory Parade

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The Palestinians in Gaza are held in thrall by their Hamas rulers. They cannot vote them out: there have been no elections in fifteen years. They cannot rise in revolt: political dissidents are swiftly arrested, imprisoned, and in some cases, killed by Hamas goons. They cannot prevent Hamas from putting its weapons in the midst of civilian areas, even inside schools, hospitals, mosques, apartment buildings, endangering the lives of ordinary people and, in fact, hoping thereby to increase the number of civilian casualties that can be used as propaganda against the IDF. Israel tries to minimize civilian casualties in Gaza; Hamas, on the other hand, hopes to maximize them. These ordinary Palestinians in Gaza, who are not privileged members of the terror group, have only one way to express their deep unhappiness, which is not to join in any public display of approval for Hamas. That widespread refusal to celebrate Hamas was much in evidence in

Gaza on May 22, the day after the ceasefire was declared. That story is here: " Hamas Has Lost Its Gaza Constituency," by Hillel Frisch, [*Jihad Watch*](#).