

Hamas cracks down on Islamic State in Gaza

Palestinian Islamist group Hamas is trying to clamp down on jihadist activity in the Gaza Strip amid claims and indications that so-called Islamic State (IS) militants are developing a presence in the territory

SUSPECTED IS-RELATED ACTIVITY

■ **Oct 8, 2014:** Powerful blast rocks French Cultural Centre in Gaza City. Group calling itself "Islamic State Gaza Governorate", or "Wilayat Gaza", claims responsibility

■ **Nov:** Group issues statement demanding women abide by Islamic Sharia rules of dress

■ **Dec 1:** Reports of flier signed by "ISIS – Gaza Province" emerge on social media websites, threatening to kill several Gaza-based writers and poets if they continue "insulting Islam"

■ **April 6, 2015:** Hamas security forces arrest radical cleric **Adnan Khader Mayat**, accusing him of IS membership

■ **Apr 6, 10, 17**
Improvised explosive devices detonate in Gaza City, causing minimal damage and no casualties. Wilayat Gaza claims responsibility for some attacks



*Palestinian protester with flag of **Hizb al-Tahrir** – group calling for return of an Islamic state in the Middle East*

