



## Hamas to Israel: \$15 Million Each Month or “Things Get Really Bad”

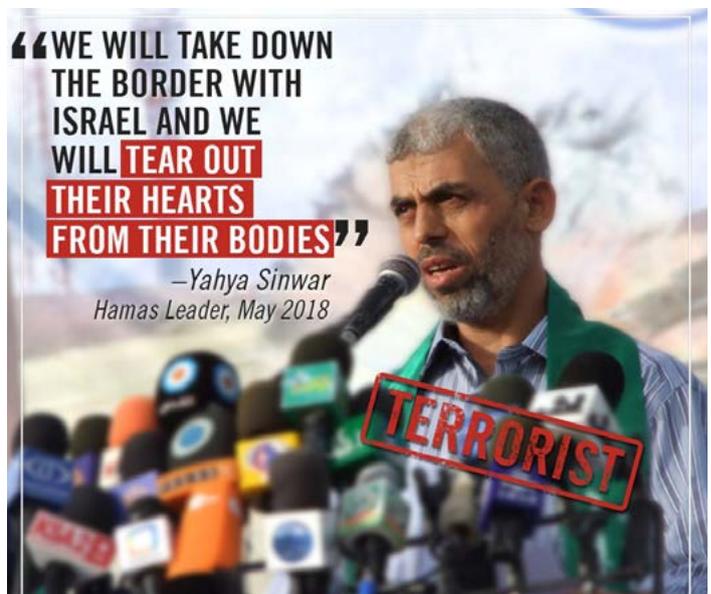
The Hamas leadership issued an ultimatum to Israel on Saturday whereby it must transfer \$15 million in cash every month, to prevent further escalation, Israel's *Channel 2 News* reported Saturday night. Hamas insists that the first payment must be done by Thursday.

The money in question is provided by Qatar to the Palestinian Authority, which normally uses it to pay the salaries of its employees in the Gaza Strip. But PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas has been manipulating the payments process in an attempt to dominate the Hamas government, with the result being that some 25,000 pro-PA Gazans are often not getting paid.

In a document sent by Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar to Egypt, he demands that Israel transfer the Qatari money to pay the salaries in Gaza in cash to Hamas by Thursday this week, or Hamas would intensify the Friday riots at the Gaza border fence – and force the IDF to kill even more Arab youths.

When Hamas took over the Gaza Strip, back in 2007, Abbas ordered the civil and security employees there not to report to their jobs if they wished to continue to receive their pay.

His gamble was that if the public sector – more than 25,000 civilian and 33,000 security employees – went on strike, the Hamas regime would collapse. Needless to say, that move only deepened the rift between Ramallah and Gaza, which escalated to the point where Abbas is being perceived as the man who starves Gaza and keeps it in the dark, as he refuses to foot its electric bills.



*Hamas leader and terrorist, Yahya Sinwar, makes Hamas's goal crystal clear, on June 8, 2018 (photo via Israel Defense Forces , [Twitter.com](https://twitter.com/IDFSpokesperson), @IDFSpokesperson).*



*A missile from the Israeli Iron Dome, launched to intercept a missile coming from the Gaza strip. Photo by IDF and Nehemiya Gershoni, Wikimedia Commons (CC BY-SA 3.0).*

Saturday's ultimatum came against the background of a troubled Shabbat in the southern sector, after a barrage of gunfire on Friday night against the Israeli communities surrounding the Strip. On Saturday morning, the rocket fire resumed with five rockets fired at Sderot, four of which were intercepted by the Iron Dome system. (*David Israel, JewishPress.com, October 28, 2018*)

### Unexploded Qassam Found at Southern Israeli High School, Explosive at Day Care Center

An unexploded Qassam rocket was found Sunday on the grounds of a high school in the Sha'ar HaNegev Regional Council district, near the Gaza border. Students at the high school were immediately evacuated from the building while the bomb squad and police sappers were summoned to the site, *Walla! News* reported.

The rocket was believed to have been one of a barrage of some 45 missiles that were fired at southern Israel from Gaza over a 12-hour period on Friday night and Saturday morning this Sabbath.

Once the bomb squad arrived, sappers removed the unexploded ordnance and took it to a remote location in order to defuse it safely.

The bomb squad had just completed a similar task at a day care center in Sderot, where an explosive device was found near the building. It was believed the explosive had been attached to an incendiary balloon flown across the border from Gaza. Police sappers removed the explosive from the site in order to examine it and defuse it in a safe location.

### **Israel Rejects “Cash for Calm”**

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced at the weekly cabinet meeting that Israel would not accept any ultimatum from Hamas.

“We are after a weekend of air strikes in Gaza,” the prime minister noted in his remarks. “Yesterday we heard about an ‘ultimatum’ from Hamas to Israel. At no stage will Israel accept any ultimatum from Hamas. Israel will continue to act in accordance with Israeli interests and for Israel’s security alone.”

Hamas insisted the first payment must be transferred by Thursday, or Hamas threatened to intensify the Friday riots at the Gaza border fence, and force the IDF to kill even more Arab youths. (*Hana Levi Julian, Jewish Press.com, October 28, 2018*)

This underscores Hamas’ lack of concern for their own people – especially their young men.

**“Be strong and take heart all you who hope in the Lord” (Psalm 31: 24).**

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