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## List of Abbreviations

AKP	Justice and Development Party ( <i>Adalet ve Kalkınma Partisi</i> )
CIDI	Information and Documentation of Israel
COGAT	Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (WB and GS) Unit
CSIS	Center for Strategic and International Studies
DFLP	Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine
EGIS	Egyptian General Intelligence Services
EU	European Union
FIDA	Palestine Democratic Union
PFLP-GC	Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command
GDDS	General Data Dissemination System
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GS	Gaza Strip
IAF	Islamic Action Front
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
IHH	Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief ( <i>İnsan Hak ve Hürriyetleri ve İnsani Yardım Vakfı</i> )
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INSS	Institute for National Security Studies
JMCC	Jerusalem Media and Communications Centre
KSA	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
LPDC	Lebanese-Palestinian Dialogue Committee
MB	Muslim Brothers
Mossad	Institute for Intelligence and Special Operations
MPs	Members of Parliament
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization

OIC	Organization of Islamic Cooperation
PA	Palestinian Authority
PCC	Palestinian Central Council
PCHR	Palestinian Center for Human Rights
PCP	Palestinian Communist Party
PFLP	Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine
PIJ	Islamic Jihad Movement in Palestine
PKK	Kurdistan Workers Party ( <i>Partiya Karkerên Kurdistan</i> )
PLC	Palestinian Legislative Council
PLF	Palestine Liberation Front
PLO	Palestine Liberation Organization
PNC	Palestinian National Council
PPP	Palestinian People's Party
PPSF	Palestinian Popular Struggle Front
RPCP	Revolutionary Palestinian Communist Party
SCAF	Supreme Council of the Armed Forces
Shabak	Israel Security Agency—ISA
TIKA	Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency
UAE	United Arab Emirates
UC	University of California
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNLU	Unified National Leadership of the Uprising— <i>Qawim</i>
US	United States of America
WB	West Bank
WHO	World Health Organization

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## This Book

The Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas is a prominent Palestinian resistance movement. It enjoyed, and continues to enjoy, broad popularity in the Palestinian arena. Hamas adopts Islam as a creed, way of life, and a code. It belongs to the school of Muslim Brothers movement.

Credit for the idea behind this book is owed to the late Prof. Ibrahim Abu Rabi'. 17 academicians, researchers and senior Hamas leaders participated in writing the chapters of this book.

This book is indeed one of the most specialized references regarding Hamas thought and experience, and it is an indispensable source for those interested in studying the Movement. It committed itself to the methodologies of academic research and all this entails in terms of accuracy, objectivity, and documentation. The contributions by several Hamas leaders shed additional and up-to-date light on a number of controversial issues surrounding Hamas and its experience.

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