

The Hamas Movement at a Crossroad: The Struggle between the Military and Political Wings

After Operation Protective Edge and the strengthening of the Gaza blockade by Egypt, Hamas is forced yet again to decide how it will survive. A decade after the assassination of its top leaders by Israel, Hamas is being forced to learn to compromise and come to terms with the reality it faces. What is more important to the movement: adhering to the Hamas Charter or maintaining political power?

Join us **Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 4:00pm** for this special, open to the public enrichment session sponsored by the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism. Seating is first-come, first-serve.

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