

## **Hamas military assets in the multi-story Jala'a building struck by the IDF**

The Jala'a building in the Rimal neighborhood of Gaza housed significant assets of Hamas military intelligence, as well as the offices of major international media outlets AP and Al-Jazeera. This dual-use of buildings for civilian and Hamas terror operations is typical of Hamas' efforts to embed itself in the civilian infrastructure within Gaza.

The Jala'a building housed Hamas military intelligence and military assets belonging both to the Hamas terror organization and the Islamic Jihad.

The building housed the Hamas Research and Development unit, which include subject matter experts who operate the most valuable Hamas technological equipment against Israel. They constitute a unique asset to the Hamas terrorist organization.

The R&D unit used its capabilities against Israel in a number of attempts to sabotage and disrupt the actions of the IDF and of civilians in the area adjacent to the Gaza Strip.

Located with the R&D department and tech unit was highly sensitive equipment, which are critical military assets.

As noted, the Jala'a building also housed civilian media offices, knowingly using the civilians working there as human shields. The Hamas terror organization deliberately places military targets at the heart of densely populated civilian areas in the Gaza Strip.

Prior to the strike, the IDF provided advance warning to civilians in the building and allowed sufficient time for them to evacuate the site.