



# The martyr of Yahya Sinwar

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#### The martyr of Yahya Sinwar

- October 16: IOF followed three fighters who went into a building.
- A drone filmed him in a chair with a keffiyeh covering his face and head. He was in battle fatigues.
- An Israeli tank fired at him and the building.
- He threw an object at the drone that came to kill him.
- The IOF did not know at that time who they had killed. It was not an intelligence operation, nor a target assassination. The IOF discovered a day later who they had killed after they returned to inspect the bodies.

### The life of Yahya Sinwar

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- Mastermind of the military strategy of Hamas

## The pillars of Hamas' strategy

- The unity of the people of Palestine: praising Fatah leader Yasser Arafat
- Connect the Palestians in the cities of Israel with the Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank
- Reject two state solution and accept a new concept: a military victory over Israel is possible: built defense capabilities (tunnels) and the production of weapons.
- Build the axis of resistance: an international military coalition against Israel

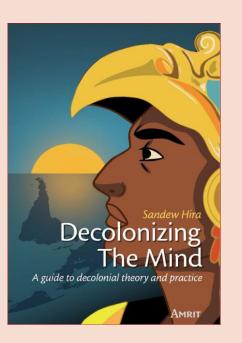
#### The next confrontation

If in any of the coming rounds of fighting between Israel and the Palestinian resistance the Palestinians stand their ground and a prolonged war between Gaza and Israel ensues, then international forces will come into play for the final battle which will cease to be an air battle. Ballistic missiles from Iran will enter the fray. Rockets, drones and physical confrontations will enter the scene. Airfields, the Iron Dome and the stockpiles of weapons, including the nuclear arsenal, would be major targets of rocket attacks. In the West Bank, the 700,000 settlers will be attacked in man-to-man fights to reclaim the land that they have occupied. With mounting Israeli casualties the question will be: how will Israeli morale fare? Will Israel unite and will liberals and extreme right be willing to fight side by side or will there be disintegration with some wanting to fight using extreme measures and others wishing to flee the occupied land? Will Israel still exist in the coming decades?

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