

# The Likud Party of Netanyahu, A Terrorist Organisation?

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*It is surely correct for the UK to proscribe the IRGC under a formal legal process of the Terrorism Act 2000, as a terrorist organisation, as is now proposed by the British government. However, by the same criteria it must also be right to award such a dubious distinction to the Likud party of Binyamin Netanyahu whose IDF has killed more than 100 primarily unarmed Palestinian civilians since January 2022. That is also terrorism, for a Palestinian Arab is also a human being, just as is an Israeli Jew or an English Christian.*

Israeli forces have killed more Palestinians in the occupied territories during 2022 than in any year since 2005 when the second intifada ended, according to Middle East Eye's (MEE), which relies on UN, Palestinian, Israeli and rights groups' data. The report found that at least 220 Palestinians were killed, including 48 children, 167 of them in the West Bank and East Jerusalem and 53 in Gaza. Some 9,000 were injured in the West Bank, MEE stated, citing UN sources. It stated that 95 Palestinian civilians were shot by Israeli troops during raids or while taking part in anti-occupation protests, 21 Palestinian fighters were killed during clashes with Israeli troops; and in the cases of a further 20 people killed in Israeli raids, it was not clear whether or not they were civilians or combatants.

## Definitions

Any armed force that kills unarmed civilians is a terrorist organisation that employs terror as a political weapon; often uses religion as a cover for its terrorist activities.

An individual in an armed force, or otherwise, who commits an act or acts of violence or threatens violence in pursuit of political, religious, or ideological objectives, including the forced acquisition of another's land by violence and illegal annexation.

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