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## **IDF: At Least 10 of the 15 Killed at Gaza Border Were Members of Terror Groups**

According to The Times of Israel, the Israeli military on Saturday night identified 10 of the 15 people reported killed during violent protests along the Gaza security fence as members of Palestinian terrorist groups, and published a list of their names and positions in the organizations. Last Friday, some 30,000 Palestinians took part in demonstrations along the Gaza border, during which rioters threw rocks and firebombs at Israeli troops on the other side of the fence, burned tires and scrap wood, sought to breach and damage the security fence, and in one case opened fire at Israeli soldiers. According to the Israel Defense Forces, eight of the men killed were members of Hamas, which rules the Gaza Strip. One served in the al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, and another was affiliated with "global jihad," it said, apparently referring to one of the Salafist groups in Gaza. The army did not provide evidence for its identifications. Most could be independently verified with photographic evidence of the operatives wearing uniforms or receiving a military-style funeral from the terror group in question. The Palestinians' march to Gaza's border with Israel on Friday was the largest such demonstration in recent memory, calling for Palestinians to be allowed to return to land that their ancestors fled from in the 1948 War of Independence. It was dubbed the "March of Return."

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