

**Profiles of 28 Iran-Backed Terrorist Groups and Affiliates in the West Bank**

Iran-backed terrorist groups, including Islamic Jihad, al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, and Hamas, have led this expansion and strengthened their presence in the West Bank. They have established battalions (Katibat) in Nablus, Jenin, Tulkarm and beyond. Iranian arms and funding have primarily fueled this violent escalation.

*FDD's Long War Journal* has identified **26 West Bank branches** belonging to established terrorist organizations, and **2 independent armed groups**.

**Methodology**



# 28 Terrorist Affiliates in the West Bank

This visual draws on open-source information, including data released by government agencies, English and Arabic-language news reports, and social media accounts operated by terrorist groups. The battalions or branches of established terrorist groups included in this visual have claimed responsibility for an attack, provided proof in corroborating in an attack, and/or created a logo that conveys an allegiance to an established armed organization operating in the West Bank.

This visual relies on credible reports and visual evidence of terrorist activity against Israeli targets over the past twelve months. In most cases, there are multiple pieces of evidence published by the groups listed in the visual. However, only one example per organization is noted.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine/Abu Ali Mustafa Brigades and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine/National Resistance Brigades do not have branches in the West Bank like their counterparts, but the groups



Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine  
**Abu Ali Mustafa Brigades**



Islamic Jihad  
**Burqin Groups**



Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades  
**Cheetah Battalion - Jenin**



Islamic Jihad  
**Jabaa Groups**



Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades  
**Jalazoun Battalion**



Hamas  
**Jund Allah - Tubas**



Islamic Jihad  
**Kafr Dan Groups**



Hamas  
**Katibat Aqabat Jabr**



Islamic Jihad  
**Katibat Ariha (Jericho)**



Islamic Jihad  
**Katibat Beit Ummar  
a.k.a. Katibat Hebron**



Islamic Jihad  
**Katibat Jenin**



Islamic Jihad  
**Katibat Nablus**



Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades  
**Katibat Qaffin**



Islamic Jihad  
**Katibat Tubas**



Islamic Jihad  
**Katibat Tulkarm**



Hamas  
**Katibat Tulkarm**



Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades  
**Lions of Glory Groups  
Qalqilya**



Palestinian Mujahideen Movement  
**Mujahideen Brigades -  
Occupied West Bank**



Popular Resistance Committees  
**Nasser Salah al-Din  
Brigades - West Bank  
(Jenin)**



Democratic Front for the  
Liberation of Palestine  
**National Resistance  
Brigades - West Bank**



Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades  
**Nour Shams Camp**



Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades  
**Occupied Territory**



Islamic Jihad  
**Qabatiya Groups**



Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades  
**Rapid Response Group  
Tulkarm**



Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades  
**Tubas**



Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades  
**Youth of Revenge and  
Liberation - Balata Camp**



Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades  
**Youth of Revenge and  
Liberation - Nablus**



Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades  
**Youth of Revenge and  
Liberation - Tulkarm**

are carrying out attacks there. Two Gaza-based terrorist organizations -- the Popular Resistance Committees/Al-Nasser Salah al-Din Brigades and the Palestinian Mujahideen Movement/Mujahideen Brigades -- have also been operating in the territory.

Terrorist groups **colored orange** are affiliated with Islamic Jihad.

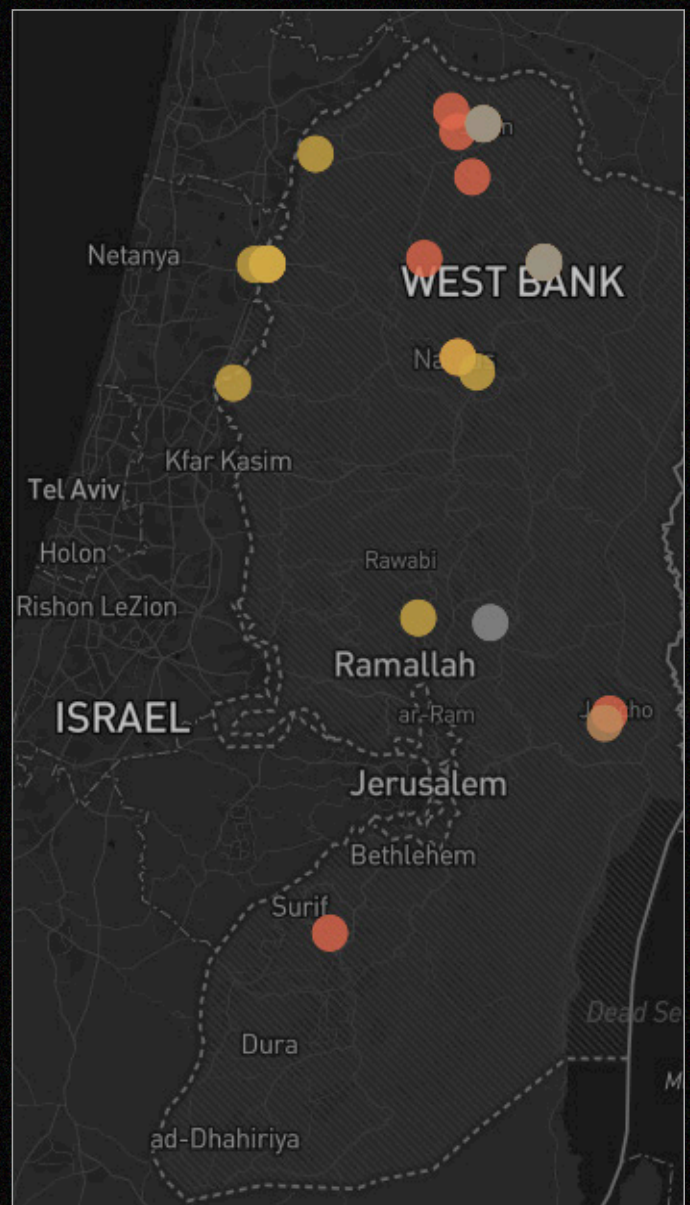
Terrorist groups **colored yellow** means they are affiliated with al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades.

Terrorist groups **colored brown** are affiliated with Hamas.

Terrorist groups **colored grey** are other armed organizations that operate independently from Hamas, Islamic Jihad and al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades.

Although the U.S. sanctions imposed on The Lions' Den for its terrorist activity in the West Bank, the group has been excluded from this visual because it has been largely defunct since summer 2023.

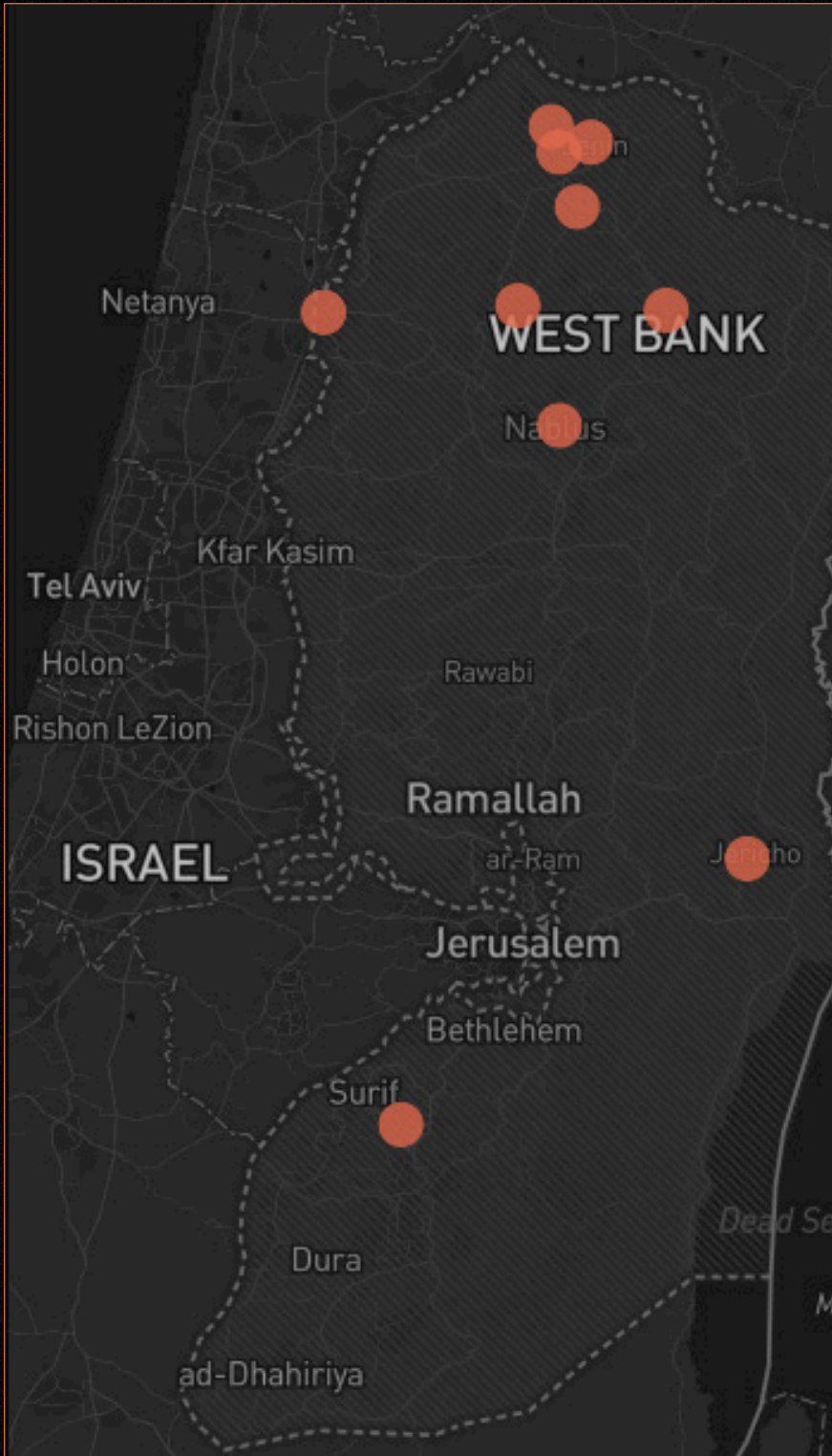
The number of branches or battalions belonging to each organization does not necessarily equate to overall strength. Some branches are better armed and organized than others. Moreover, the security dynamic in the West Bank is fluid. *FDD's Long War Journal* will continue to update this visual with the most recent open source data available.



## 28 Terrorist affiliates carry out deadly attacks across the West Bank

-  **Islamic Jihad  
Factions**
-  **Al-Aqsa Martyrs  
Brigades Factions**
-  **Hamas  
Factions**
-  **Other  
Factions**

# Islamic Jihad Factions



Islamic Jihad  
**Katibat Beit Ummar**  
a.k.a. Katibat Hebron



Islamic Jihad  
**Qabatiya Groups**



Islamic Jihad  
**Burqin Groups**



Islamic Jihad  
**Jabaa Groups**



Islamic Jihad  
**Katibat Tulkarm**



Islamic Jihad  
**Katibat Jenin**



Islamic Jihad  
**Katibat Tubas**



Islamic Jihad  
**Katibat Ariha (Jericho)**

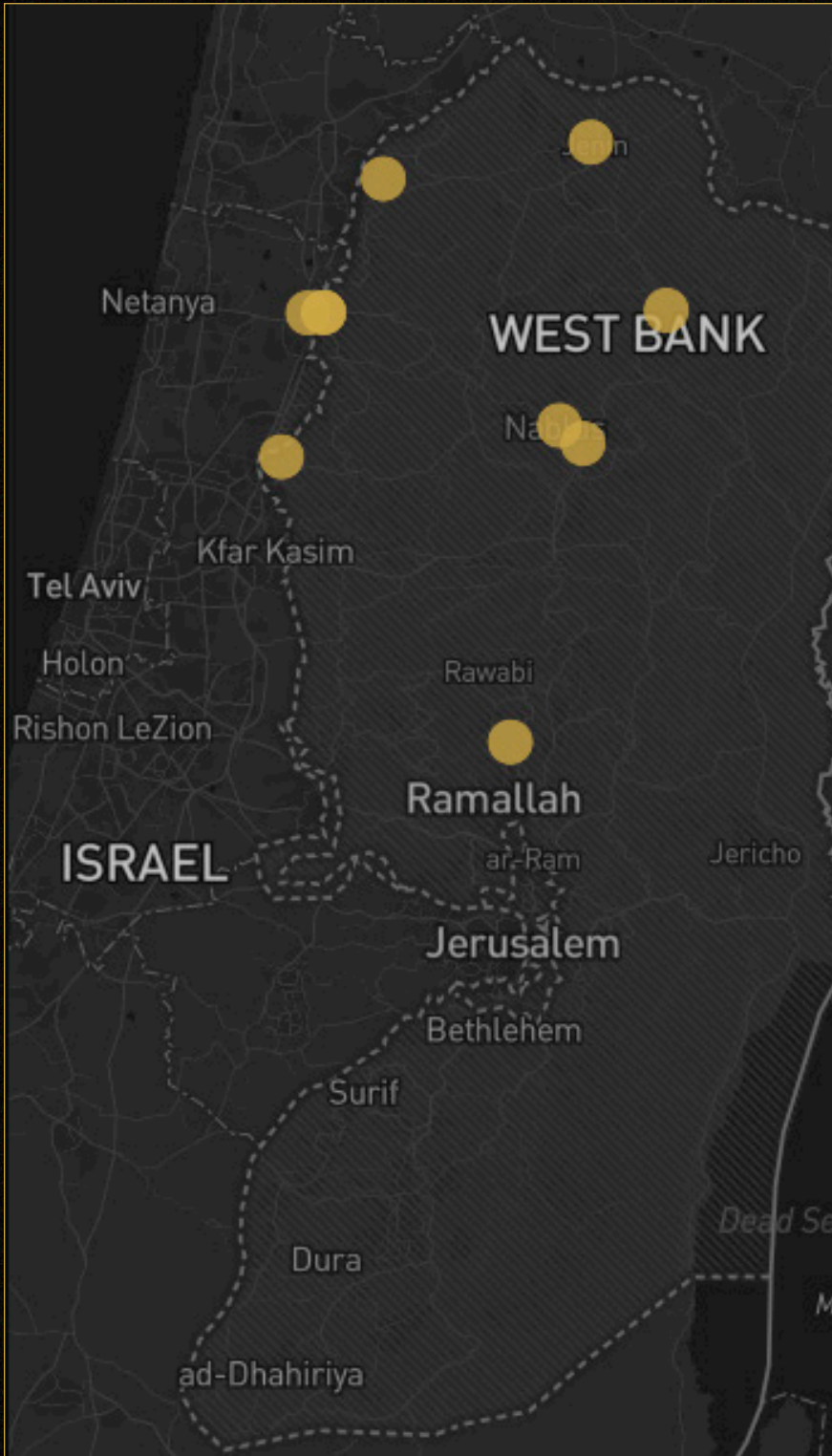


Islamic Jihad  
**Kafr Dan Groups**



Islamic Jihad  
**Katibat Nablus**

# Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades Factions



Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades  
**Tubas**



Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades  
**Nour Shams Camp**



Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades  
**Katibat Qaffin**



Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades  
**Lions of Glory Groups  
Qalqilya**



Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades  
**Rapid Response Group  
Tulkarm**



Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades  
**Cheetah Battalion -  
Jenin**



Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades  
**Jalazoun Battalion**



Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades  
**Youth of Revenge and  
Liberation - Nablus**



Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades  
**Youth of Revenge and  
Liberation - Tulkarm**



Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades  
**Occupied Territory**



Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades  
**Youth of Revenge and  
Liberation - Balata Camp**

# Hamas Factions



Jund Allah (Army of God)  
**Jund Allah - Tubas**



Hamas  
**Katibat Tulkarm**



Hamas  
**Katibat Aqabat Jabr**

# Other Factions



Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine - National Resistance Brigades  
**National Resistance Brigades - West Bank**



Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine  
**Abu Ali Mustafa Brigades - Occupied West Bank**



Palestinian Mujahideen Movement  
**Mujahideen Brigades - Occupied West Bank**



Popular Resistance Committees  
**Nasser Salah al-Din Brigades - West Bank (Jenin)**



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